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1:1 The second
book of the
prophet Esdras,
the son of
Saraïas, the son
of Azarias, the
son of Helchias,
the son of
Sadamias,
the son of

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**Sadoc, the son
of Achitob,
1:2 The son of
Achias, the son
of Phinees, the
son of Heli, the
son of Amarias,
the son of Aziei,
the son of
Marimoth, the
son of Arna, the**

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**son of Ozias, the
son of Borith,
the son of
Abisei, the son
of Phinees, the
son of Eleazar,
1:3 The son of
Aaron, of the
tribe of Levi;
which was
captive in the**

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**land of the
Medes, in the
reign of
Artexerxes king
of the Persians.**

**1:4 And the word
of the Lord came
unto me, saying,**

**1:5 Go thy way,
and shew my
people their**

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**sinful deeds, and
their children
their wickedness
which they have
done against
me; that they
may tell their
children's
children:**

**1:6 Because the
sins of their**

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**fathers are
increased in
them: for they
have forgotten
me, and have
offered unto
strange gods.**

**1:7 Am not I even
he that brought
them out of the
land of Egypt,**

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**from the house
of bondage? but
they have
provoked me
unto wrath, and
despised my
counsels.**

**1:8 Pull thou off
then the hair of
thy head, and
cast all evil upon**

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them, for they have not been obedient unto my law, but it is a rebellious people. 1:9 How long shall I forbear them, into whom I have done so much good? 1:10 Many

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**kings have I
destroyed for
their sakes;
Pharaoh with his
servants and all
his power have I
smitten down.**

**1:11 All the
nations have I
destroyed before
them, and in the**

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**east I have
scattered the
people of two
provinces, even
of Tyrus and
Sidon, and have
slain all their
enemies.**

**1:12 Speak thou
therefore unto
them, saying,**

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Thus saith the Lord, ¹:13 I led you through the sea and in the beginning gave you a large and safe passage; I gave you Moses for a leader, and Aaron for a priest. ¹:14 I gave

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**you light in a
pillar of fire, and
great wonders
have I done
among you; yet
have ye
forgotten me,
saith the Lord.**

**1:15 Thus saith
the Almighty
Lord, The quails**

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**were as a token
to you; I gave
you tents for
your safeguard:
nevertheless ye
murmured there,**

**1:16 And
triumphed not in
my name for the
destruction of
your enemies,**

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**but ever to this
day do ye yet
murmur.**

**1:17 Where are
the benefits that
I have done for
you? when ye
were hungry and
thirsty in the
wilderness, did
ye not cry unto**

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**me, ¹:18 Saying,
Why hast thou
brought us into
this wilderness
to kill us? it had
been better for
us to have
served the
Egyptians, than
to die in this
wilderness.**

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1:19 Then had I pity upon your mournings, and gave you manna to eat; so ye did eat angels' bread. **1:20** When ye were thirsty, did I not cleave the rock, and waters flowed

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**out to your fill?
for the heat I
covered you with
the leaves of the
trees. 1:21 I
divided among
you a fruitful
land, I cast out
the Canaanites,
the Pherezites,
and the**

**Philistines,
before you: what
shall I yet do
more for you?
saith the Lord.**

**1:22 Thus saith
the Almighty
Lord, When ye
were in the
wilderness, in
the river of the**

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**Amorites, being
athirst, and
blaspheming my
name, **1:23** I
gave you not
fire for your
blasphemies, but
cast a tree in the
water, and made
the river sweet.
1:24 What shall I**

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**do unto thee, O
Jacob? thou,
Juda, wouldest
not obey me: I
will turn me to
other nations,
and unto those
will I give my
name, that they
may keep my
statutes.**

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1:25 Seeing ye have forsaken me, I will forsake you also; when ye desire me to be gracious unto you, I shall have no mercy upon you.

1:26 Whensoever ye shall call

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**upon me, I will
not hear you: for
ye have defiled
your hands with
blood, and your
feet are swift
to commit
manslaughter.**

**1:27 Ye have not
as it were
forsaken me, but**

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**your own selves,
saith the Lord.**

**1:28 Thus saith
the Almighty
Lord, Have I not
prayed you as a
father his sons,
as a mother her
daughters, and a
nurse her young
babes, 1:29 That**

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**ye would be my
people, and I
should be your
God; that ye
would be my
children, and I
should be your
father? 1:30 I
gathered you
together, as a
hen gathereth**

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**her chickens
under her wings:
but now, what
shall I do unto
you? I will cast
you out from my
face. 1:31 When
ye offer unto me,
I will turn my
face from you:
for your solemn**

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**feastdays, your
new moons,
and your
circumcisions,
have I forsaken.**

**1:32 I sent unto
you my servants
the prophets,
whom ye have
taken and slain,
and torn their**

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**bodies in pieces,
whose blood I
will require of
your hands,
saith the Lord.**

**1:33 Thus saith
the Almighty
Lord, Your
house is
desolate, I will
cast you out as**

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**the wind doth
stubble.**

**1:34 And your
children shall
not be fruitful;
for they have
despised my
commandment,
and done the
thing that is an
evil before me.**

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1:35 Your houses
will I give to a
people that shall
come; which not
having heard of
me yet shall
believe me; to
whom I have
shewed no
signs, yet they
shall do

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**that I have
commanded
them. 1:36 They
have seen no
prophets, yet
they shall call
their sins to
remembrance,
and
acknowledge
them. 1:37 I take**

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**to witness the
grace of the
people to come,
whose little ones
rejoice in
gladness: and
though they
have not seen
me with bodily
eyes, yet in spirit
they believe the**

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thing that I say.

**1:38 And now,
brother, behold
what glory; and
see the people
that come from
the east:**

**1:39 Unto whom I
will give for
leaders,
Abraham, Isaac,**

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**and Jacob,
Oseas, Amos,
and Micheas,
Joel, Abdias,
and Jonas,
1:40 Nahum,
and Abacuc,
Sophonias,
Aggeus,
Zachary, and
Malachy, which**

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**is called also an
angel of the
Lord.**

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**2:1 Thus saith
the Lord, I
brought this
people out of
bondage, and I
gave them my**

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**commandments
by menservants
the prophets;
whom they
would not hear,
but despised my
counsels.**

**2:2 The mother
that bare them
saith unto them,
Go your way, ye**

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**children; for I am
a widow and
forsaken.**

**2:3 I brought you
up with
gladness; but
with sorrow and
heaviness have I
lost you: for ye
have sinned
before the Lord**

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**your God, and
done that thing
that is evil
before him.**

**2:4 But what
shall I now do
unto you? I am a
widow and
forsaken: go
your way, O my
children, and ask**

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**mercy of the
Lord. 2:5 As for
me, O father, I
call upon thee
for a witness
over the mother
of these
children, which
would not keep
my covenant,
2:6 That thou**

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**bring them to
confusion, and
their mother to a
spoil, that there
may be no
offspring of
them. 2:7 Let
them be
scattered abroad
among the
heathen, let their**

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**names be put
out of the earth:
for they have
despised my
covenant.**

**2:8 Woe be unto
thee, Assur, thou
that hidest the
unrighteous in
thee! O thou
wicked people,**

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**remember what I
did unto Sodom
and Gomorrha;
2:9 Whose land
lieth in clods of
pitch and heaps
of ashes: even
so also will I do
unto them that
hear me not,
saith the**

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Almighty Lord.
2:10 Thus saith
the Lord unto
Esdras, Tell my
people that I will
give them the
kingdom of
Jerusalem,
which I would
have given unto
Israel. **2:11** Their

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**glory also will I
take unto me,
and give these
the everlasting
tabernacles,
which I had
prepared for
them. 2:12 They
shall have the
tree of life for an
ointment of**

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**sweet savour;
they shall
neither labour,
nor be weary.**

2:13 Go, and ye
shall receive:
pray for few
days unto you,
that they may be
shortened: the
kingdom is

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**already prepared
for you: watch.**

2:14 Take heaven
and earth to
witness; for I
have broken the
evil in pieces,
and created the
good: for I live,
saith the Lord.

2:15 Mother,

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**embrace thy
children, and
bring them up
with gladness,
make their feet
as fast as a
pillar: for I have
chosen thee,
saith the Lord.**

2:16 And those
that be dead will

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**I raise up again
from their
places, and
bring them out
of the graves: for
I have known my
name in Israel.**

2:17 **Fear not,
thou mother of
the children: for I
have chosen**

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**thee, saith the
Lord. 2:18 For thy
help will I send
my servants
Esau and
Jeremy, after
whose counsel I
have sanctified
and prepared for
thee twelve trees
laden with divers**

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**fruits, 2:19 And
as many
fountains
flowing with milk
and honey, and
seven mighty
mountains,
whereupon there
grow roses and
lilies, whereby
I will fill thy**

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children with joy.

**2:20 Do right to
the widow, judge
for the**

**fatherless, give
to the poor,
defend the
orphan, clothe
the naked,**

**2:21 Heal the
broken and the**

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**weak, laugh not
a lame man to
scorn, defend
the maimed, and
let the blind man
come into the
sight of my
clearness.**

**2:22 Keep the old
and young
within thy walls.**

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2:23 Wheresoeve
r thou findest the
dead, take them
and bury them,
and I will give
thee the first
place in my
resurrection.

2:24 Abide still, O
my people, and
take thy rest, for

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**thy quietness
still come.**

2:25 Nourish thy
children, O thou
good nurse;
stablish their
feet. **2:26** As for
the servants
whom I have
given thee, there
shall not one of

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**them perish; for I
will require them
from among thy
number. 2:27 Be
not weary: for
when the day of
trouble and
heaviness
cometh, others
shall weep and
be sorrowful, but**

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**thou shalt be
merry and have
abundance.**

2:28 The heathen
shall envy thee,
but they shall be
able to do
nothing against
thee, saith the
Lord. **2:29** My
hands shall

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**cover thee, so
that thy children
shall not see
hell. 2:30 Be
joyful, O thou
mother, with thy
children; for I
will deliver thee,
saith the Lord.**

**2:31 Remember
thy children that**

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**sleep, for I shall
bring them out
of the sides of
the earth, and
shew mercy unto
them: for I am
merciful, saith
the Lord
Almighty.**

**2:32 Embrace thy
children until I**

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**come and shew
mercy unto
them: for my
wells run over,
and my grace
shall not fail.**

2:33 I Esdras
received a
charge of the
Lord upon the
mount Oreb, that

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**I should go unto
Israel; but when I
came unto them,
they set me at
nought, and
despised the
commandment
of the Lord.**

**2:34 And
therefore I say
unto you, O ye**

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**heathen, that
hear and
understand, look
for your
Shepherd, he
shall give you
everlasting rest;
for he is nigh at
hand, that shall
come in the end
of the world.**

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2:35 Be ready to
the reward of the
kingdom, for the
everlasting light
shall shine upon
you for
evermore.

2:36 Flee the
shadow of this
world, receive
the joyfulness of

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**your glory: I
testify my
Saviour openly.**

**2:37 O receive
the gift that is
given you, and
be glad, giving
thanks unto him
that hath led you
to the heavenly
kingdom.**

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2:38 Arise up and stand, behold the number of those that be sealed in the feast of the Lord;

2:39 Which are departed from the shadow of the world, and have received

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**glorious
garments of the
Lord. 2:40 Take
thy number, O
Sion, and shut
up those of thine
that are clothed
in white, which
have fulfilled the
law of the Lord.
2:41 The number**

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**of thy children,
whom thou
longedst for, is
fulfilled: beseech
the power of the
Lord, that thy
people, which
have been called
from the
beginning, may
be hallowed.**

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2:42 I Esdras saw
upon the mount
Sion a great
people, whom I
could not
number, and
they all praised
the Lord with
songs. **2:43** And
in the midst of
them there was a

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**young man of a
high stature,
taller than all the
rest, and upon
every one of
their heads he
set crowns, and
was more
exalted; which I
marvelled at
greatly. 2:44 So I**

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**asked the angel,
and said, Sir,
what are these?**

**2:45 He
answered and
said unto me,
These be they
that have put off
the mortal
clothing, and put
on the immortal,**

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**and have
confessed the
name of God:
now are they
crowned, and
receiue palms.**

2:46 Then said I
unto the angel,
What young
person is it that
crowneth them,

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**and giveth them
palms in their
hands? 2:47 So
he answered and
said unto me, It
is the Son of
God, whom they
have confessed
in the world.
Then began I
greatly to**

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**commend them
that stood so
stiffly for the
name of the
Lord. 2:48 Then
the angel said
unto me, Go thy
way, and tell my
people what
manner of
things, and how**

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**great wonders of
the Lord thy
God, thou hast
seen.**

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3:1 In the thirtieth
year after the
ruin of the city I
was in Babylon,
and lay troubled

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**upon my bed,
and my thoughts
came up over my
heart:**

**3:2 For I saw the
desolation of
Sion, and the
wealth of them
that dwelt at
Babylon.**

3:3 And my spirit

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**was sore moved,
so that I began
to speak words
full of fear to the
most High, and
said,**

**3:4 O Lord, who
bearest rule,
thou spakest at
the beginning,
when thou didst**

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**plant the earth,
and that thyself
alone, and
commandedst
the people,
3:5 And gavest a
body unto Adam
without soul,
which was the
workmanship of
thine hands, and**

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**didst breathe
into him the
breath of life,
and he was
made living
before thee.**

**3:6 And thou
leadedst him into
paradise, which
thy right hand
had planted,**

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**before ever the
earth came
forward. 3:7 And
unto him thou
gavest
commandment
to love thy way:
which he
transgressed,
and immediately
thou appointedst**

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**death in him
and in his
generations, of
whom came
nations, tribes,
people, and
kindreds, out of
number. 3:8 And
every people
walked after
their own will,**

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**and did
wonderful things
before thee, and
despised thy
commandments.**

3:9 And again in
process of time
thou broughtest
the flood upon
those that dwelt
in the world, and

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**destroyedst
them. 3:10 And it
came to pass in
every of them,
that as death
was to Adam, so
was the flood to
these.**

**3:11 Nevertheles
s one of them
thou leftest,**

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**namely, Noah
with his
household, of
whom came all
righteous men.**

3:12 And it
happened, that
when they that
dwelt upon the
earth began to
multiply, and

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**had gotten them
many children,
and were a great
people, they
began again to
be more ungodly
than the first.**

3:13 Now when
they lived so
wickedly before
thee, thou didst

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**choose thee a
man from among
them, whose
name was
Abraham.**

3:14 Him thou
lovedst, and
unto him only
thou shewedst
thy will: **3:15** And
madest an

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**everlasting
covenant with
him, promising
him that thou
wouldest never
forsake his seed.**

3:16 And unto
him thou gavest
Isaac, and unto
Isaac also thou
gavest Jacob

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**and Esau. As for
Jacob, thou
didst choose
him to thee, and
put by Esau: and
so Jacob
became a great
multitude.**

3:17 And it came
to pass, that
when thou

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**leadedst his seed
out of Egypt,
thou broughtest
them up to the
mount Sinai.**

3:18 **And bowing
the heavens,
thou didst set
fast the earth,
movedst the
whole world, and**

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**madest the
depths to
tremble, and
troubledst the
men of that age.**

**3:19 And thy
glory went
through four
gates, of fire,
and of
earthquake, and**

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of wind, and of cold; that thou mightest give the law unto the seed of Jacob, and diligence unto the generation of Israel. 3:20 And yet tookest thou not away from

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them a wicked heart, that thy law might bring forth fruit in them. 3:21 For the first Adam bearing a wicked heart transgressed, and was overcome; and

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**so be all they
that are born
of him.**

**3:22 Thus
infirmity was
made
permanent; and
the law (also) in
the heart of the
people with the
malignity of the**

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**root; so that the
good departed
away, and the
evil abode still.**

3:23 **So the times
passed away,
and the years
were brought to
an end: then
didst thou raise
thee up a**

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**servant, called
David:**

3:24 Whom thou
commandedst to
build a city unto
thy name, and to
offer incense
and oblations
unto thee
therein.

3:25 When this

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**was done many
years, then they
that inhabited
the city forsook
thee, **3:26** And in
all things did
even as Adam
and all his
generations had
done: for they
also had a**

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wicked heart:

3:27 And so thou
gavest thy city
over into the
hands of thine
enemies.

3:28 Are their
deeds then any
better that
inhabit Babylon,
that they should

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**therefore have
the dominion
over Sion?**

3:29 For when I
came thither,
and had seen
impieties without
number, then my
soul saw many
evildoers in this
thirtieth year, so

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**that my heart
failed me.**

**3:30 For I have
seen how thou
sufferest them
sinning, and
hast spared
wicked doers:
and hast
destroyed thy
people, and hast**

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**preserved thine
enemies, and
hast not
signified it.**

3:31 I do not
remember how
this way may be
left: Are they
then of Babylon
better than they
of Sion? **3:32** Or

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**is there any
other people that
knoweth thee
beside Israel? or
what generation
hath so believed
thy covenants as
Jacob? 3:33 And
yet their reward
appeareth not,
and their labour**

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**hath no fruit: for
I have gone here
and there
through the
heathen, and I
see that they
flow in wealth,
and think not
upon thy
commandments.**

3:34 Weigh thou

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**therefore our
wickedness now
in the balance,
and their's also
that dwell the
world; and so
shall thy name
no where be
found but in
Israel. **3:35** Or
when was it that**

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**they which dwell
upon the earth
have not sinned
in thy sight? or
what people
have so kept thy
commandments
? 3:36 Thou shalt
find that Israel
by name hath
kept thy**

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**precepts; but not
the heathen.**

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4:1 | And the
angel that was
sent unto me,
whose name was
Uriel, gave me
an answer,
4:2 And said, Thy

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**heart hath gone
to far in this
world, and
thinkest thou to
comprehend the
way
of the most
High?**

**4:3 Then said I,
Yea, my lord.
And he**

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**answered me,
and said, I am
sent to shew
thee three ways,
and to set forth
three similitudes
before thee:**

**4:4 Whereof if
thou canst
declare me one, I
will shew thee**

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**also the way that
thou desirest to
see, and I shall
shew thee from
whence the
wicked heart
cometh. 4:5 And I
said, Tell on, my
lord. Then said
he unto me, Go
thy way, weigh**

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**me the weight of
the fire, or
measure me the
blast of the wind,
or call me again
the day that is
past. 4:6 Then
answered I and
said, What man
is able to do
that, that thou**

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**shouldest ask
such things of
me? 4:7 And he
said unto me, If I
should ask thee
how great
dwellings are in
the midst of the
sea, or how
many springs
are in the**

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**beginning of the
deep, or how
many springs
are above the
firmament, or
which are the
outgoings of
paradise:**

**4:8 Peradventure
thou wouldest
say unto me, I**

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**never went down
into the deep,
nor as yet into
hell, neither did I
ever climb up
into heaven.**

**4:9 Nevertheless
now have I
asked thee but
only of the fire
and wind, and of**

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**the day
wherethrough
thou hast
passed, and of
things from
which thou canst
not be
separated, and
yet canst thou
give me no
answer of them.**

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4: 10 He said
moreover unto
me, Thine own
things, and such
as are grown up
with thee, canst
thou not know;

4: 11 How should
thy vessel then
be able to
comprehend the

2 ESDRAS

**way of the
Highest, and, the
world being now
outwardly
corrupted to
understand the
corruption that
is evident in my
sight? 4:12 Then
said I unto him,
It were better**

2 ESDRAS

**that we were not
at all, than that
we should live
still in
wickedness, and
to suffer, and not
to know
wherefore.**

**4: 13 He
answered me,
and said, I went**

2 ESDRAS

**into a forest into
a plain, and the
trees took
counsel,**

**4:14 And said,
Come, let us go
and make war
against the sea
that it may
depart away
before us, and**

2 ESDRAS

**that we may
make us more
woods. 4:15 The
floods of the sea
also in like
manner took
counsel, and
said, Come, let
us go up and
subdue the
woods of the**

2 ESDRAS

**plain, that there
also we may
make us another
country. 4:16 The
thought of the
wood was in
vain, for the fire
came and
consumed it.**

**4:17 The thought
of the floods of**

2 ESDRAS

**the sea came
likewise to
nought, for the
sand stood up
and stopped
them. 4:18 If thou
wert judge now
betwixt these
two, whom
wouldest thou
begin to justify?**

2 ESDRAS

**or whom
wouldest thou
condemn? 4:19 I
answered and
said, Verily it is a
foolish thought
that they both
have devised, for
the ground is
given unto the
wood, and the**

2 ESDRAS

**sea also hath his
place to bear his
floods. 4:20 Then
answered he me,
and said, Thou
hast given a
right judgment,
but why judgest
thou not thyself
also? 4:21 For
like as the**

2 ESDRAS

**ground is given
unto the wood,
and the sea to
his floods: even
so they that
dwell upon the
earth may
understand
nothing but that
which is upon
the earth: and he**

2 ESDRAS

**that dwelleth
above the
heavens may
only understand
the things that
are above the
height of the
heavens.**

**4:22 Then
answered I and
said, I beseech**

2 ESDRAS

**thee, O Lord, let
me have
understanding:
4:23 For it was
not my mind to
be curious of the
high things, but
of such as pass
by us daily,
namely,
wherefore Israel**

2 ESDRAS

**is given up as a
reproach to the
heathen, and for
what cause the
people whom
thou hast loved
is given over
unto ungodly
nations, and why
the law of our
forefathers is**

2 ESDRAS

**brought to
nought, and the
written
covenants come
to none effect,**

**4:24 And we
pass away out of
the world as
grasshoppers,
and our life is
astonishment**

2 ESDRAS

**and fear, and we
are not worthy to
obtain mercy.**

4:25 What will he
then do unto his
name whereby
we are called? of
these things
have I asked.

4:26 Then
answered he me,

2 ESDRAS

**and said, The
more thou
searchest, the
more thou shalt
marvel; for the
world hasteth
fast to pass
away, ~~4~~:27 And
cannot
comprehend the
things that are**

2 ESDRAS

**promised to the
righteous in time
to come: for this
world is full of
unrighteousness
and infirmities.**

**4:28 But as
concerning the
things whereof
thou askest me, I
will tell thee; for**

2 ESDRAS

**the evil is sown,
but the
destruction
thereof is not yet
come. 4:29 If
therefore that
which is sown
be not turned
upside down,
and if the place
where the evil is**

2 ESDRAS

**sown pass not
away, then
cannot it come
that is sown with
good. 4:30 For
the grain of evil
seed hath been
sown in the
heart of Adam
from the
beginning, and**

2 ESDRAS

**how much
ungodliness
hath it brought
up unto this
time? and how
much shall it yet
bring forth until
the time of
threshing come?**

**4:31 Ponder now
by thyself, how**

2 ESDRAS

**great fruit of
wickedness the
grain of evil seed
hath brought
forth. 4:32 And
when the ears
shall be cut
down, which are
without number,
how great a floor
shall they fill?**

2 ESDRAS

4:33 Then I answered and said, How, and when shall these things come to pass? wherefore are our years few and evil?

4:34 And he answered me, saying, Do not

2 ESDRAS

**thou hasten
above the most
Highest: for thy
haste is in vain
to be above him,
for thou hast
much exceeded.**

**4:35 Did not the
souls also of the
righteous ask
question of**

2 ESDRAS

**these things in
their chambers,
saying, How
long shall I hope
on this fashion?
when cometh the
fruit of the floor
of our reward?**

**4:36 And unto
these things
Uriel the**

2 ESDRAS

**archangel gave
them answer,
and said, Even
when the
number of seeds
is filled in you:
for he hath
weighed the
world in the
balance. 4:37 By
measure hath he**

2 ESDRAS

**measured the
times; and by
number hath he
numbered the
times; and he
doth not move
nor stir them,
until the said
measure be
fulfilled.**

4:38 Then

2 ESDRAS

**answered I and
said, O Lord that
bearest rule,
even we all are
full of impiety.**

**4:39 And for our
sakes**

**peradventure it
is that the floors
of the righteous
are not filled,**

2 ESDRAS

**because of the
sins of them that
dwell upon the
earth. 4:40 So he
answered me,
and said, Go thy
way to a woman
with child, and
ask of her when
she hath fulfilled
her nine months,**

2 ESDRAS

**if her womb may
keep the birth
any longer
within her.**

4:41 Then said I,
No, Lord, that
can she not. And
he said unto me,
In the grave the
chambers of
souls are like the

2 ESDRAS

**womb of a
woman: 4:42 For
like as a woman
that travaileth
maketh haste to
escape the
necessity of the
travail: even so
do these places
haste to deliver
those things that**

2 ESDRAS

**are committed
unto them.**

4:43 From the
beginning, look,
what thou
desirest to see, it
shall be shewed
thee. **4:44** Then
answered I and
said, If I have
found favour in

2 ESDRAS

**thy sight, and if
it be possible,
and if I be meet
therefore,**

**4:45 Shew me
then whether
there be more to
come than is
past, or more
past than is to
come. 4:46 What**

2 ESDRAS

**is past I know,
but what is for to
come I know not.**

4:47 And he said
unto me, Stand
up upon the
right side, and I
shall expound
the similitude
unto thee.

4:48 So I stood,

2 ESDRAS

**and saw, and,
behold, an hot
burning oven
passed by
before me: and it
happened that
when the flame
was gone by I
looked, and,
behold, the
smoke remained**

**still. 4:49 After
this there
passed by
before me a
watery cloud,
and sent down
much rain with a
storm; and when
the stormy rain
was past, the
drops remained**

2 ESDRAS

**still. 4:50 Then
said he unto me,
Consider with
thyself; as the
rain is more than
the drops, and
as the fire is
greater than the
smoke; but the
drops and the
smoke remain**

2 ESDRAS

**behind: so the
quantity which is
past did more
exceed.**

4:51 Then I
prayed, and said,
May I live,
thinkest thou,
until that time?
or what shall
happen in those

2 ESDRAS

**days? 4:52 He
answered me,
and said, As for
the tokens
whereof thou
askest me, I may
tell thee of them
in part: but as
touching thy life,
I am not sent to
shew thee; for I**

2 ESDRAS

do not know it.

2 ESDRAS 5

**5:1 Nevertheless
as coming the
tokens, behold,
the days shall
come, that they
which dwell
upon earth shall**

2 ESDRAS

**be taken in a
great number,
and the way of
truth shall be
hidden, and the
land shall be
barren of faith.**

**5:2 But iniquity
shall be
increased above
that which now**

2 ESDRAS

**thou seest, or
that thou hast
heard long ago.**

**5:3 And the land,
that thou seest
now to have
root, shalt thou
see wasted
suddenly. 5:4 But
if the most High
grant thee to**

2 ESDRAS

**live, thou shalt
see **after the
third trumpet**
that the sun
shall suddenly
shine again in
the night, and
the moon thrice
in the day:**

**5:5 And blood
shall drop out of**

2 ESDRAS

**wood, and the
stone shall give
his voice, and
the people shall
be troubled:**

**5:6 And even he
shall rule, whom
they look not for
that dwell upon
the earth, and
the fowls shall**

2 ESDRAS

**take their flight
away together:**

**5:7 And the
Sodomitish sea
shall cast out
fish, and make
a noise in the
night, which
many have not
known: but they
shall all hear the**

2 ESDRAS

voice thereof.

5:8 **There shall
be a confusion
also in many
places, and the
fire shall be oft
sent out again,
and the wild
beasts shall
change their
places, and**

2 ESDRAS

**menstruous
women shall
bring forth
monsters:**

**5:9 And salt
waters shall be
found in the
sweet, and all
friends shall
destroy one
another; then**

2 ESDRAS

**shall wit hide
itself, and
understanding
withdraw itself
into his secret
chamber,**

**5:10 And shall be
sought of many,
and yet not be
found: then shall
unrighteousness**

2 ESDRAS

**and
incontinency be
multiplied upon
earth. 5:11 One
land also shall
ask another, and
say, Is
righteousness
that maketh a
man righteous
gone through**

2 ESDRAS

**thee? And it
shall say, No.**

5:12 At the same
time shall men
hope, but
nothing obtain:
they shall
labour, but their
ways shall not
prosper. **5:13** To
shew thee such

2 ESDRAS

**tokens I have
leave; and if
thou wilt pray
again, and weep
as now, and fast
even days, thou
shalt hear yet
greater things.**

**5:14 Then I
awaked, and an
extreme**

2 ESDRAS

**fearfulness went
through all my
body, and my
mind was
troubled, so that
it fainted. ^{5:}15 So
the angel that
was come to talk
with me held me,
comforted me,
and set me up**

2 ESDRAS

upon my feet.

5:16 And in the second night it came to pass, that Salathiel the captain of the people came unto me, saying, Where hast thou been? and why is thy

2 ESDRAS

**countenance
so heavy?**

**5:17 Knowest
thou not that
Israel is
committed unto
thee in the land
of their
captivity?**

**5:18 Up then, and
eat bread, and**

2 ESDRAS

**forsake us not,
as the shepherd
that leaveth his
flock in the
hands of
cruel wolves.**

5:19 Then said I
unto him, Go thy
ways from me,
and come not
nigh me. And he

2 ESDRAS

**heard what I
said, and went
from me.**

**5:20 And so I
fasted seven
days, mourning
and weeping,
like as Uriel
the angel
commanded me.**

5:21 And after

2 ESDRAS

**seven days so it
was, that the
thoughts of my
heart were very
grievous unto
me again,**

**5:22 And my soul
recovered the
spirit of
understanding,
and I began to**

2 ESDRAS

**talk with the
most High again,
5:23 And said, O
Lord that bearest
rule, of every
wood of the
earth, and of all
the trees thereof,
thou hast
chosen thee one
only vine:**

2 ESDRAS

5:24 And of all
lands of the
whole world
thou hast
chosen thee one
pit: and of all the
flowers thereof
one lily: **5:25** And
of all the depths
of the sea thou
hast filled thee

2 ESDRAS

**one river: and of
all builded cities
thou hast
hallowed Sion
unto thyself:**

5:26 And of all
the fowls that
are created thou
hast named thee
one dove: and of
all the cattle that

2 ESDRAS

**are made thou
hast provided
thee one sheep:
5:27 And among
all the
multitudes of
people thou hast
gotten thee one
people: and unto
this people,
whom thou**

2 ESDRAS

**lovedst, thou
gavest a law that
is approved of
all. ^{5:}28 And now,
O Lord, why hast
thou given this
one people over
unto many? and
upon the one
root hast thou
prepared others,**

2 ESDRAS

**and why hast
thou scattered
thy only one
people among
many? 5:29 And
they which did
gainsay thy
promises, and
believed not thy
covenants, have
trodden them**

2 ESDRAS

down. 5:30 If thou
didst so much
hate thy people,
yet shouldst
thou punish
them with thine
own hands.

5:31 Now when I
had spoken
these words, the
angel that came

2 ESDRAS

**to me the night
afore was sent
unto me,**

**5:32 And said
unto me, Hear
me, and I will
instruct thee;
hearken to the
thing that I say,
and I shall tell
thee more.**

2 ESDRAS

5:33 And I said,
Speak on, my
Lord. Then said
he unto me,
Thou art sore
troubled in mind
for Israel's sake:
lovest thou that
people better
than he that
made them?

2 ESDRAS

5:34 And I said,
No, Lord: but of
very grief have I
spoken: for my
reins pain me
every hour, while
I labour to
comprehend the
way of the most
High, and to
seek out part of

2 ESDRAS

his judgment.
5:35 **And he said**
unto me, Thou
canst not. And I
said, Wherefore,
Lord? whereunto
was I born then?
or why was not
my mother's
womb then my
grave, that I

2 ESDRAS

**might not have
seen the travail
of Jacob, and
the wearisome
toil of the stock
of Israel?**

**5:36 And he said
unto me,
Number me the
things that are
not yet come,**

2 ESDRAS

**gather me
together the
dross that are
scattered
abroad, make me
the flowers
green again that
are withered,
5:37 Open me the
places that are
closed, and**

2 ESDRAS

**bring me forth
the winds that in
them are shut
up, shew me the
image of a voice:
and then I will
declare to thee
the thing that
thou labourest to
know. **5:38** And I
said, O Lord that**

2 ESDRAS

**bearest rule,
who may know
these things, but
he that hath not
his dwelling with
men? 5:39 As for
me, I am unwise:
how may I then
speak of these
things whereof
thou askest me?**

2 ESDRAS

5:40 Then said he unto me, Like as thou canst do none of these things that I have spoken of, even so canst thou not find out my judgment, or in the end the love that I have

2 ESDRAS

**promised unto
my people.**

5:41 And I said,
Behold, O Lord,
yet art thou nigh
unto them that
be reserved till
the end: and
what shall they
do that have
been before me,

2 ESDRAS

**or we that be
now, or they that
shall come after
us? ⁵:42 And he
said unto me, I
will liken my
judgment unto a
ring: like as
there is no
slackness of the
last, even so**

2 ESDRAS

**there is no
swiftness of the
first. ⁵:~~4~~3 So I
answered and
said, Couldst
thou not make
those that have
been made, and
be now, and that
are for to come,
at once; that**

2 ESDRAS

**thou mightest
shew thy
judgment the
sooner?**

5:44 Then
answered he me,
and said, **The
creature may
not haste
above the
maker;**

2 ESDRAS

**neither may
the world hold
them at once
that shall be
created
therein.**

5:45 And I said,
As thou hast
said unto thy
servant, that
thou, which

2 ESDRAS

**givest life to all,
hast given life at
once to the
creature that
thou hast
created, and the
creature bare it:
even so it might
now also bear
them that now
be present at**

2 ESDRAS

once. 5:46 And he said unto me, Ask the womb of a woman, and say unto her, If thou bringest forth children, why dost thou it not together, but one after another? pray

2 ESDRAS

**her therefore to
bring forth ten
children at once.**

5:47 And I said,
She cannot: but
must do it by
distance of time.

5:48 Then said he
unto me, Even
so have I given
the womb of the

2 ESDRAS

**earth to those
that be sown in it
in their times.**

5:49 For like as a
young child may
not bring forth
the things that
belong to the
aged, even so
have I disposed
the world which I

2 ESDRAS

**created. 5:50 And
I asked, and
said, Seeing
thou hast now
given me the
way, I will
proceed to
speak before
thee: for our
mother, of whom
thou hast told**

2 ESDRAS

**me that she is
young, draweth
now nigh unto
age. 5:51 He
answered me,
and said, Ask a
woman that
beareth children,
and she shall tell
thee. 5:52 Say
unto her,**

2 ESDRAS

**Wherefore are
unto they whom
thou hast now
brought forth
like those that
were before, but
less of stature?**

**5:53 And she
shall answer
thee, They that
be born in the**

2 ESDRAS

**strength of
youth are of one
fashion, and
they that are
born in the time
of age, when the
womb faileth, are
otherwise.**

**5:54 Consider
thou therefore
also, how that ye**

2 ESDRAS

**are less of
stature than
those that were
before you.**

**5:55 And so are
they that come
after you less
than ye, as the
creatures which
now begin to be
old, and have**

2 ESDRAS

**passed over the
strength of
youth. 5:56 Then
said I, Lord, I
beseech thee, if I
have found
favour in thy
sight, shew thy
servant by whom
thou visitest thy
creature.**

2 ESDRAS 6

6:1 And he said unto me, In the beginning, when the earth was made, before the borders of the world stood, or ever the winds blew, **6:2** Before it thundered and

2 ESDRAS

**lightened, or
ever the
foundations of
paradise were
laid, 6:3 Before
the fair flowers
were seen, or
ever the
moveable
powers were
established,**

2 ESDRAS

**before the
innumerable
multitude of
angels were
gathered
together, ⁶:⁴ Or
ever the heights
of the air were
lifted up, before
the measures of
the firmament**

2 ESDRAS

**were named, or
ever the
chimneys in
Sion were hot,
6:5 And ere the
present years
were sought out,
and or ever the
inventions of
them that now
sin were turned,**

2 ESDRAS

**before they were
sealed that
have
gathered
faith for a
treasure:**

**6:6 Then did I
consider these
things, and they
all were made
through me**

2 ESDRAS

**alone, and
through none
other: by me
also they shall
be ended, and by
none other.**

**6:7 Then
answered I and
said, What shall
be the parting
asunder of the**

2 ESDRAS

times? or when shall be the end of the first, and the beginning of it that followeth?

6:8 And he said unto me, From Abraham unto Isaac, when Jacob and Esau were born of

2 ESDRAS

**him, Jacob's
hand held first
the heel of Esau.**

**6:9 For Esau is
the end of the
world, and Jacob
is the beginning
of it that
followeth.**

**6:10 The hand of
man is betwixt**

2 ESDRAS

**the heel and the
hand: other
question,
Esdras, ask thou
not. 6:11 I
answered then
and said, O Lord
that bearest rule,
if I have found
favour in thy
sight, 6:12 I**

2 ESDRAS

**beseech thee,
shew thy servant
the end of thy
tokens, whereof
thou shewedst
me part the last
night. 6:13 So he
answered and
said unto me,
Stand up upon
thy feet, and**

2 ESDRAS

**hear a mighty
sounding voice.**

6:14 And it shall
be as it were a
great motion;
but the place
where thou
standest shall
not be moved.

6:15 And
therefore when it

2 ESDRAS

**speaketh be not
afraid: for the
word is of the
end, and the
foundation of the
earth is
understood.**

**6:16 And why?
because the
speech of these
things trembleth**

2 ESDRAS

**and is moved:
for it knoweth
that the end of
these things
must be
changed.**

6:17 And it
happened, that
when I had heard
it I stood up
upon my feet,

2 ESDRAS

**and hearkened,
and, behold,
there was a
voice that spake,
and the sound of
it was like the
sound of many
waters. 6:18 And
it said, Behold,
the days come,
that I will begin**

2 ESDRAS

**to draw nigh,
and to visit them
that dwell upon
the earth,**

6:19 And will
begin to make
inquisition of
them, what they
be that have hurt
unjustly with
their

2 ESDRAS

**unrighteousness
, and when the
affliction of Sion
shall be fulfilled;**

**6:20 And when
the world, that
shall begin to
vanish away,
shall be finished,
then will I shew
these tokens:**

2 ESDRAS

**the books shall
be opened
before the
firmament, and
they shall see all
together:**

6:21 And the
children of a
year old shall
speak with their
voices, the

2 ESDRAS

**women with
child shall bring
forth untimely
children of three
or four months
old, and they
shall live, and be
raised up.**

**6:22 And
suddenly shall
the sown places**

2 ESDRAS

**appear unsown,
the full
storehouses
shall suddenly
be found empty:**

6:23 And the
trumpet shall
give a sound,
which when
every man
heareth, they

2 ESDRAS

**shall be
suddenly afraid.**

6:24 At that time
shall friends
fight one against
another like
enemies, and the
earth shall stand
in fear with
those that dwell
therein, the

2 ESDRAS

**springs of the
fountains shall
stand still, and in
three hours they
shall not run.**

**6:25 Whosoever
remaineth from
all these that I
have told thee
shall escape,
and see my**

2 ESDRAS

**salvation, and
the end of your
world. 6:26 And
the men that are
received shall
see it, who have
not tasted death
from their birth:
and the heart of
the inhabitants
shall be**

**changed, and
turned into
another
meaning.**

6:27 For evil shall
be put out, and
deceit shall be
quenched.

6:28 As for faith,
it shall flourish,
corruption shall

2 ESDRAS

**be overcome,
and the truth,
which hath been
so long without
fruit, shall be
declared.**

6:29 And when
he talked with
me, behold, I
looked by little
and little upon

2 ESDRAS

**him before
whom I stood.
6:30 And these
words said he
unto me; I am
come to shew
thee the time of
the night to
come. 6:31 If
thou wilt pray
yet more, and**

2 ESDRAS

**fast seven days
again, I shall tell
thee greater
things by day
than I have
heard. 6:32 For
thy voice is
heard before the
most High: for
the Mighty hath
seen thy**

2 ESDRAS

**righteous
dealing, he hath
seen also thy
chastity, which
thou hast had
ever since thy
youth. 6:33 And
therefore hath he
sent me to shew
thee all these
things, and to**

2 ESDRAS

**say unto thee,
Be of good
comfort and fear
not. 6:34 And
hasten not with
the times that
are past, to think
vain things, that
thou mayest not
hasten from the
latter times.**

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6:35 And it came to pass after this, that I wept again, and fasted seven days in like manner, that I might fulfil the three weeks which he told me. **6:36** And in the eighth night

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**was my heart
vexed within me
again, and I
began to speak
before the most
High. 6:37 For my
spirit was greatly
set on fire, and
my soul was in
distress.**

6:38 And I said, O

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**Lord, thou
spakest from the
beginning of the
creation, even
the first day, and
saidst thus; Let
heaven and
earth be made;
and thy word
was a perfect
work. 6:39 And**

2 ESDRAS

**then was the
spirit, and
darkness and
silence were on
every side; the
sound of man's
voice was not
yet formed.**

**6:40 Then
commandedst
thou a fair light**

2 ESDRAS

**to come forth of
thy treasures,
that thy work
might appear.**

6:41 Upon the
second day thou
madest the spirit
of the firmament,
and
commandedst it
to part asunder,

2 ESDRAS

**and to make a
division betwixt
the waters, that
the one part
might go up, and
the other remain
beneath.**

**6:42 Upon the
third day thou
didst command
that the waters**

2 ESDRAS

**should be
gathered in the
seventh part of
the earth: six
parts hast thou
dried up, and
kept them, to the
intent that of
these some
being planted of
God and tilled**

2 ESDRAS

might serve thee. 6:43 For as soon as thy word went forth the work was made. 6:44 For immediately there was great and innumerable fruit, and many and divers

2 ESDRAS

**pleasures for the
taste, and
flowers of
unchangeable
colour, and
odours of
wonderful smell:
and this was
done the third
day. 6:45 Upon
the fourth day**

2 ESDRAS

**thou
commandedst
that the sun
should shine,
and the moon
give her light,
and the stars
should be in
order: 6:46 And
gavest them a
charge to do**

2 ESDRAS

**service unto
man, that was to
be made.**

6:47 Upon the
fifth day thou
saidst unto the
seventh part,
where the waters
were gathered
that it should
bring forth living

2 ESDRAS

**creatures, fowls
and fishes: and
so it came to
pass. 6:48 For
the dumb water
and without life
brought forth
living things
at the
commandment
of God, that all**

2 ESDRAS

**people might
praise thy
wondrous
works. 6:49 Then
didst thou ordain
two living
creatures, the
one thou
calledst Enoch,
and the other
Leviathan;**

2 ESDRAS

6:50 And didst
separate the one
from the other:
for the seventh
part, namely,
where the water
was gathered
together, might
not hold them
both. **6:51** Unto
Enoch thou

2 ESDRAS

**gavest one part,
which was dried
up the third day,
that he should
dwell in the
same part,
wherein are a
thousand hills:**

**6:52 But unto
Leviathan thou
gavest the**

2 ESDRAS

**seventh part,
namely, the
moist; and hast
kept him to be
devoured of
whom thou wilt,
and when.**

**6:53 Upon the
sixth day thou
gavest
commandment**

2 ESDRAS

**unto the earth,
that before thee
it should bring
forth beasts,
cattle, and
creeping things:**

**6:54 And after
these, Adam
also, whom thou
madest lord of
all thy creatures:**

2 ESDRAS

**of him come we
all, and the
people also
whom thou hast
chosen. 6:55 All
this have I
spoken before
thee, O Lord,
because thou
madest the
world for our**

2 ESDRAS

**sakes. 6:56 As
for the other
people, which
also come of
Adam, thou hast
said that they
are nothing, but
be like unto
spittle: and hast
likened the
abundance of**

2 ESDRAS

**them unto a drop
that falleth from
a vessel.**

6:57 And now, O
Lord, behold,
these heathen,
which have ever
been reputed as
nothing, have
begun to be
lords over us,

2 ESDRAS

**and to devour
us. 6:58 But we
thy people,
whom thou hast
called thy
firstborn, thy
only begotten,
and thy fervent
lover, are given
into their hands.**

6:59 If the world

2 ESDRAS

**now be made for
our sakes, why
do we not
possess an
inheritance with
the world?
how long
shall
this
endure?**

2 ESDRAS 7

7:1 And when I
had made an end
of speaking
these words,
there was sent
unto me the
angel which had
been sent unto
me the nights
afore: **7:2** And he

2 ESDRAS

**said unto me,
Up, Esdras, and
hear the words
that I am come
to tell thee.**

7:3 And I said,
Speak on, my
God. Then said
he unto me, The
sea is set in a
wide place, that

2 ESDRAS

**it might be deep
and great.**

**7:4 But put the
case the
entrance were
narrow, and like
a river; 7:5 Who
then could go
into the sea to
look upon it, and
to rule it? if he**

2 ESDRAS

**went not through
the narrow, how
could he come
into the broad?**

7:6 There is also
another thing; A
city is builded,
and set upon a
broad field, and
is full of all good
things: **7:7** The

2 ESDRAS

**entrance thereof
is narrow, and
is set in a
dangerous place
to fall, like as if
there were a fire
on the right
hand, and on the
left a deep water:
7:8 And one only
path between**

2 ESDRAS

**them both, even
between the fire
and the water, so
small that there
could but one
man go there at
once. 7:9 f this
city now were
given unto a
man for an
inheritance, if he**

2 ESDRAS

**never shall pass
the danger set
before it, how
shall he receive
this inheritance?**

7:10 And I said, It
is so, Lord. Then
said he unto me,
Even so also is
Israel's portion.

7:11 Because for

2 ESDRAS

**their sakes I
made the world:
and when Adam
trans-gressed
my statutes,
then was
decreed that
now is done.**

7:12 Then were
the entrances of
this world made

2 ESDRAS

**narrow, full of
sorrow and
travail: they are
but few and evil,
full of perils,:
and very painful.**

7: 13 For the
entrances of the
elder world were
wide and sure,
and brought

2 ESDRAS

immortal fruit.

7:14 If then they
that live labour
not to enter
these strait and
vain things, they
can never
receive those
that are laid up
for them.

7:15 Now

2 ESDRAS

**therefore why
disquietest thou
thyself, seeing
thou art but a
corruptible man?
and why art thou
moved, whereas
thou art but
mortal? **z:16** Why
hast thou not
considered in**

2 ESDRAS

**thy mind this
thing that is to
come, rather
than that which
is present?**

7:17 Then
answered I and
said, O Lord that
bearest rule,
thou hast
ordained in thy

2 ESDRAS

**law, that the
righteous should
inherit these
things, but that
the ungodly
should perish.**

7: 18 Nevertheless
s the righteous
shall suffer strait
things, and hope
for wide: for they

2 ESDRAS

**that have done
wickedly have
suffered the
strait things, and
yet shall not see
the wide.**

7: 19 And he said
unto me. There
is no judge
above God, and
none that hath

2 ESDRAS

**understanding
above the
Highest. 7:20 For
there be many
that perish in
this life, because
they despise the
law of God that
is set before
them. 7:21 For
God hath given**

**strait
commandment
to such as came,
what they should
do to live, even
as they came,
and what they
should observe
to avoid
punishment.**

7:22 Nevertheless

2 ESDRAS

**s they were not
obedient unto
him; but spake
against him, and
imagined vain
things; 7:23 And
deceived
themselves by
their wicked
deeds; and said
of the most High,**

2 ESDRAS

**that he is not;
and knew not his
ways: 7:24 But
his law have
they despised,
and denied his
covenants; in his
statutes have
they not been
faithful, and
have not**

2 ESDRAS

**performed his
works. 7:25 And
therefore,
Esdras, for the
empty are empty
things, and for
the full are the
full things.**

**7:26 Behold, the
time shall come,
that these**

2 ESDRAS

**tokens which I
have told thee
shall come to
pass, and the
bride shall
appear, and she
coming forth
shall be seen,
that now is
withdrawn from
the earth.**

2 ESDRAS

7:27 And
whosoever is
delivered from
the foresaid evils
shall see my
wonders.

7:28 For my son
Jesus shall be
revealed with
those that be
with him, and

2 ESDRAS

**they that remain
shall rejoice
within four
hundred years.**

7:29 After these
years shall my
son Christ die,
and all men that
have life.

7:30 And the
world shall be

2 ESDRAS

**turned into the
old silence
seven days, like
as in the former
judgments: so
that no man
shall remain.**

7:31 And after
seven days the
world, that yet
awaketh not,

2 ESDRAS

**shall be raised
up, and that
shall die that is
corrupt. 7:32 And
the earth shall
restore those
that are asleep in
her, and so shall
the dust those
that dwell in
silence, and the**

2 ESDRAS

**secret places
shall deliver
those souls that
were committed
unto them.**

7:33 And the
most High shall
appear upon the
seat of
judgment, and
misery shall

2 ESDRAS

**pass away, and
the long
suffering shall
have an end:**

**7:34 But
judgment only
shall remain,
truth shall stand,
and faith shall
wax strong:**

7:35 And the

2 ESDRAS

work shall follow, and the reward shall be shewed, and the good deeds shall be of force, and wicked deeds shall bear no rule. 7:36 Then said I, Abraham prayed first for

2 ESDRAS

**the Sodomites,
and Moses for
the fathers that
sinned in the
wilderness:**

7:37 And Jesus
after him for
Israel in the time
of Achan:

7:38 And Samuel
and David for the

2 ESDRAS

**destruction: and
Solomon for
them that should
come to the
sanctuary:**

**7:39 And Helias
for those that
received rain;
and for the dead,
that he might
live: 7:40 And**

2 ESDRAS

**Ezechias for the
people in the
time of
Sennacherib:
and many for
many. 7:41 Even
so now, seeing
corruption is
grown up, and
wickedness
increased, and**

2 ESDRAS

**the righteous
have prayed for
the ungodly:
wherefore shall
it not be so now
also? 7:42 He
answered me,
and said, This
present life is
not the end
where much**

2 ESDRAS

**glory doth abide;
therefore have
they prayed for
the weak.**

7:43 But the day
of doom shall be
the end of this
time, and the
beginning of the
immortality for
to come, wherein

2 ESDRAS

**corruption is
past,**

7:44 **ntemperanc
e is at an end,
infidelity is cut
off, righteous-
ness is grown,
and truth is
sprung up.**

7:45 **Then shall
no man be able**

2 ESDRAS

**to save him that
is destroyed, nor
to oppress him
that hath gotten
the victory. 2:46 I**

**answered then
and said, This is
my first and last
saying, that it
had been better
not to have**

2 ESDRAS

**given the earth
unto Adam: or
else, when it was
given him, to
have restrained
him from
sinning. 7:47 For
what profit is it
for men now in
this present time
to live in**

**heaviness, and
after death to
look for
punishment?**

**7:48 O thou
Adam, what hast
thou done? for
though it was
thou that sinned,
thou art not
fallen alone, but**

2 ESDRAS

**we all that come
of thee. 7:49 For
what profit is it
unto us, if there
be promised us
an immortal
time, whereas
we have done
the works that
bring death?
7:50 And that**

2 ESDRAS

**there is
promised us an
everlasting
hope, whereas
ourselves being
most wicked are
made vain?**

**7:51 And that
there are laid up
for us dwellings
of health and**

2 ESDRAS

**safety, whereas
we have lived
wickedly?**

7:52 And that the
glory of the most
High is kept to
defend them
which have led a
wary life,
whereas we have
walked in the

2 ESDRAS

**most wicked
ways of all?**

7:53 And that
there should be
shewed a
paradise, whose
fruit endureth for
ever, wherein is
security and
medicine, since
we shall not

2 ESDRAS

enter into it?

7:54 (For we have walked in unpleasant places.) **7:55** And that the faces of them which have used abstinence shall shine above the stars, whereas our

2 ESDRAS

**faces shall be
blacker than
darkness?**

7:56 **For while we
lived and
committed
iniquity, we
considered not
that we should
begin to suffer
for it after death.**

2 ESDRAS

7:57 Then answered he me, and said, This is the condition of the battle, which man that is born upon the earth shall fight;

7:58 That, if he be overcome, he shall suffer as

2 ESDRAS

**thou hast said:
but if he get the
victory, he shall
receive the thing
that I say.**

7:59 For this is
the life whereof
Moses spake
unto the people
while he lived,
saying, Choose

2 ESDRAS

**thee life, that
thou mayest live.**

7:60 Nevertheless
s they believed
not him, nor yet
the prophets
after him, no nor
me which have
spoken unto
them, **7:61** That
there should not

2 ESDRAS

**be such
heaviness in
their destruction,
as shall be joy
over them that
are persuaded to
salvation. 7:62 I
answered then,
and said, I know,
Lord, that the
most High is**

2 ESDRAS

**called merciful,
in that he hath
mercy upon
them which are
not yet come
into the world,**

**7:63 And upon
those also that
turn to his law;
7:64 And that he
is patient, and**

2 ESDRAS

**long suffereth
those that have
sinned, as his
creatures;**

**7:65 And that he
is bountiful, for
he is ready to
give where it
needeth;**

**7:66 And that he
is of great**

2 ESDRAS

**mercy, for he
multiplieth more
and more
mercies to them
that are present,
and that are
past, and also to
them which are
to come. 2:67 For
if he shall not
multiply his**

2 ESDRAS

**mercies, the
world would not
continue with
them that inherit
therein. 7:68 And
he pardoneth;
for if he did not
so of his
goodness, that
they which have
committed**

2 ESDRAS

**iniquities might
be eased of
them, the ten
thousandth part
of men should
not remain
living. 7:69 And
being judge, if
he should not
forgive them that
are cured with**

2 ESDRAS

**his word, and
put out the
multitude of
contentions,
z:zo There
should be very
few left
peradventure in
an innumerable
multitude.**

2 ESDRAS 8

8:1 And he answered me, saying, The most High hath made this world for many, but the world to come for few. **8:2** I will tell thee a

2 ESDRAS

**similitude,
Esdras; As when
thou askest the
earth, it shall say
unto thee, that it
giveth much
mould whereof
earthen vessels
are made, but
little dust that
gold cometh of:**

2 ESDRAS

**even so is the
course of this
present world.**

8:3 There be
many created,
but few shall be
saved. **8:4** So
answered I and
said, Swallow
then down, O my
soul,

2 ESDRAS

**understanding,
and devour
wisdom. 8:5 For
thou hast agreed
to give ear, and
art willing to
prophecy: for
thou hast no
longer space
than only to live.
8:6 O Lord, if**

2 ESDRAS

**thou suffer not
thy servant, that
we may pray
before thee, and
thou give us
seed unto our
heart, and
culture to our
understanding,
that there may
come fruit of it;**

2 ESDRAS

**how shall each
man live that is
corrupt, who
beareth the
place of a man?**

8:7 For thou art
alone, and we all
one
workmanship of
thine hands, like
as thou hast

2 ESDRAS

**said. 8:8 For
when the body is
fashioned now in
the mother's
womb, and thou
givest it
members, thy
creature is
preserved in fire
and water, and
nine months**

2 ESDRAS

**doth thy
workmanship
endure thy
creature which is
created in her.**

**8:9 But that
which keepeth
and is kept shall
both be
preserved: and
when the time**

2 ESDRAS

**cometh, the
womb preserved
delivereth up the
things that grew
in it. 8:10 For
thou hast
commanded out
of the parts of
the body, that is
to say, out of the
breasts, milk to**

2 ESDRAS

**be given, which
is the fruit of the
breasts,**

8: 11 That the
thing which is
fashioned may
be nourished for
a time, till thou
disposest it to
thy mercy.

8: 12 Thou

2 ESDRAS

**broughtest it up
with thy
righteousness,
and nurturedst it
in thy law, and
reformedst it
with thy
judgment.**

**8:13 And thou
shalt mortify it
as thy creature,**

2 ESDRAS

**and quicken it as
thy work. 8:14 If
therefore thou
shalt destroy
him which with
so great labour
was fashioned, it
is an easy thing
to be ordained
by thy
commandment,**

2 ESDRAS

**that the thing
which was made
might be
preserved.**

8:15 Now
therefore, Lord, I
will speak;
touching man in
general, thou
knowest best;
but touching thy

2 ESDRAS

**people, for
whose sake I am
sorry; 8:16 And
for thine
inheritance, for
whose cause I
mourn; and for
Israel, for whom
I am heavy; and
for Jacob, for
whose sake I am**

2 ESDRAS

troubled;
8:17 Therefore
will I begin to
pray before thee
for myself and
for them: for I
see the falls of
us that dwell in
the land. **8:18** But
I have heard the
swiftness of the

2 ESDRAS

**judge which is to
come.**

8:19 Therefore
hear my voice,
and understand
my words, and I
shall speak
before thee. This
is the beginning
of the words of
Esdras, before

2 ESDRAS

**he was taken up:
and I said, **8:20** O
Lord, thou that
dwellest in
everlastingness
which beholdest
from above
things in the
heaven and in
the air;
8:21 Whose**

2 ESDRAS

**throne is
inestimable;
whose glory may
not be
comprehended;
before whom the
hosts of angels
stand with
trembling,
8:22 Whose
service is**

2 ESDRAS

**conversant in
wind and fire;
whose word is
true, and
sayings
constant; whose
commandment
is strong, and
ordinance
fearful;**

8:23 Whose look

2 ESDRAS

**drieth up the
depths, and
indignation
maketh the
mountains to
melt away;
which the truth
witnesseth:**

**8:24 O hear the
prayer of thy
servant, and give**

2 ESDRAS

**ear to the
petition of thy
creature. 8:25 For
while I live I will
speak, and so
long as I have
understanding I
will answer.**

**8:26 O look not
upon the sins of
thy people; but**

2 ESDRAS

**on them which
serve thee in
truth.**

8:27 **Regard not
the wicked
inventions of the
heathen, but the
desire of those
that keep thy
testimonies in
afflictions.**

2 ESDRAS

8:28 Think not upon those that have walked feignedly before thee: but remember them, which according to thy will have known thy fear.

8:29 Let it not be thy will to

2 ESDRAS

**destroy them
which have lived
like beasts; but
to look upon
them that have
clearly taught
thy law.**

**8:30 Take thou
no indignation at
them which are
deemed worse**

2 ESDRAS

**than beasts; but
love them that
always put their
trust in thy
righteousness
and glory.**

8:31 For we and
our fathers do
languish of such
diseases: but
because of us

2 ESDRAS

**sinners thou
shalt be called
merciful. 8:32 For
if thou hast a
desire to have
mercy upon us,
thou shalt be
called merciful,
to us namely,
that have no
works of**

2 ESDRAS

righteousness.

8:33 For the just,
which have
many good
works laid up
with thee, shall
out of their own
deeds receive
reward. **8:34** For
what is man, that
thou shouldst

2 ESDRAS

**take displeasure
at him? or what
is a corruptible
generation, that
thou shouldst
be so bitter
toward it?**

**8:35 For in truth
them is no man
among them that
be born, but he**

2 ESDRAS

**hath dealt
wickedly; and
among the
faithful there is
none which hath
not done amiss.**

8:36 **For in this, O
Lord, thy
righteousness
and thy
goodness shall**

2 ESDRAS

**be declared, if
thou be merciful
unto them which
have not the
confidence of
good works.**

8:37 Then
answered he me,
and said, Some
things hast thou
spoken aright,

2 ESDRAS

**and according
unto thy words it
shall be. 8:38 For
indeed I will not
think on the
disposition of
them which have
sinned before
death, before
judgment, before
destruction:**

2 ESDRAS

8:39 But I will
rejoice over the
disposition of
the righteous,
and I will
remember also
their pilgrimage,
and the
salvation, and
the reward, that
they shall have.

2 ESDRAS

8:40 Like as I
have spoken
now, so shall it
come to pass.

8:41 For as the
husbandman
soweth much
seed upon the
ground, and
planteth many
trees, and yet

2 ESDRAS

**the thing that is
sown good in his
season cometh
not up, neither
doth all that is
planted take
root: even so is
it of them that
are sown in the
world; they shall
not all be saved.**

2 ESDRAS

8:42 I answered then and said, If I have found grace, let me speak. **8:43** Like as the husbandman's seed perisheth, if it come not up, and receive not thy rain in due

2 ESDRAS

**season; or if
there come too
much rain, and
corrupt it:**

**8:44 Even so
perisheth man
also, which is
formed with thy
hands, and is
called thine own
image, because**

2 ESDRAS

**thou art like unto
him, for whose
sake thou hast
made all things,
and likened him
unto the
husbandman's
seed. 8:45 Be not
wroth with us
but spare thy
people, and have**

2 ESDRAS

**mercy upon
thine own
inheritance:
for thou art
merciful unto
thy creature.**

8:46 Then
answered he me,
and said, Things
present are for
the present, and

2 ESDRAS

**things to cometh
for such as be to
come. 8:47 For
thou comest far
short that thou
shouldest be
able to love my
creature more
than I: but I have
ofttimes drawn
nigh unto thee,**

2 ESDRAS

**and unto it, but
never to the
unrighteous.**

8:48 In this also
thou art
marvellous
before the most
High: **8:49** In that
thou hast
humbled thyself,
as it becometh

2 ESDRAS

**thee, and hast
not judged
thyself worthy to
be much
glorified among
the righteous.**

**8:50 For many
great miseries
shall be done to
them that in the
latter time shall**

2 ESDRAS

**dwell in the
world, because
they have
walked in great
pride. 8:51 But
understand thou
for thyself, and
seek out the
glory for such as
be like thee.**

8:52 For unto you

2 ESDRAS

**is paradise
opened, the tree
of life is planted,
the time to come
is prepared,
plenteousness is
made ready, a
city is builded,
and rest is
allowed, yea,
perfect**

2 ESDRAS

**goodness and
wisdom. 8:53 The
root of evil is
sealed up from
you, weakness
and the moth is
hid from you,
and corruption is
fled into hell to
be forgotten:
8:54 Sorrows are**

**passed, and in
the end is
shewed the
treasure of
immortality.**

**8:55 And
therefore ask
thou no more
questions
concerning the
multitude of**

2 ESDRAS

them that perish.

8:56 For when
they had taken
liberty, they
despised the
most High,
thought scorn
of his law, and
forsook his
ways.

8:57 Moreover

2 ESDRAS

**they have
trodden down
his righteous,
8:58 And said in
their heart, that
there is no God;
yea, and that
knowing they
must die.**

**8:59 For as the
things aforesaid**

2 ESDRAS

**shalt receive
you, so thirst
and pain are
prepared for
them: for it was
not his will that
men should
come to nought:
8:60 But they
which be created
have defiled the**

2 ESDRAS

**name of him that
made them, and
were unthankful
unto him which
prepared life for
them. 8:61 And
therefore is my
judgment now at
hand. 8:62 These
things have I not
shewed unto all**

2 ESDRAS

**men, but unto
thee, and a few
like thee. Then
answered I
and said,
8:63 Behold, O
Lord, now hast
thou shewed me
the multitude of
the wonders,
which thou wilt**

2 ESDRAS

**begin to do in
the last times:
but at what time,
thou hast not
shewed me.**

2 ESDRAS 9

**9:1 He answered
me then, and
said, Measure
thou the time**

2 ESDRAS

**diligently in
itself: and when
thou seest part
of the signs
past, which I
have told thee
before, ⁹:² Then
shalt thou
understand, that
it is the very
same time,**

2 ESDRAS

**wherein the
Highest will
begin to visit the
world which he
made.**

**9:3 Therefore
when there shall
be seen
earthquakes and
uproars of the
people in**

2 ESDRAS

the world:
9:4 Then shalt
thou well
understand, that
the most High
spake of those
things from the
days that were
before thee,
even from the
beginning.

2 ESDRAS

9:5 For like as all that is made in the world hath a beginning and an end, and the end is manifest:

9:6 Even so the times also of the Highest have plain beginnings in wonder and

2 ESDRAS

**powerful works,
and endings in
effects and
signs. 9:7 And
every one that
shall be saved,
and shall be able
to escape by his
works, and by
faith, whereby ye
have believed,**

2 ESDRAS

9:8 Shall be
preserved from
the said perils,
and shall see my
salvation in my
land, and within
my borders: for I
have sanctified
them for me
from the
beginning.

2 ESDRAS

**9 Then shall they
be in pitiful case,
which now have
abused my
ways: and they
that have cast
them away
despitefully shall
dwell in
torments. 10 For
such as in their**

2 ESDRAS

**life have
received
benefits, and
have not known
me; 11 And they
that have
loathed my law,
while they had
yet liberty, and,
when as yet
place of**

2 ESDRAS

**repentance was
open unto them,
understood not,
but despised it;
12 The same
must know it
after death by
pain. 9:13 And
therefore be
thou not curious
how the ungodly**

2 ESDRAS

**shall be
punished, and
when: but
enquire how the
righteous shall
be saved, whose
the world is, and
for whom the
world is created.**

**9:14 Then
answered I and**

2 ESDRAS

**said, 9:15 I have
said before, and
now do speak,
and will speak it
also hereafter,
that there be
many more of
them which
perish, than of
them which shall
be saved:**

2 ESDRAS

9:16 Like as a wave is greater than a drop.

9:17 And he answered me, saying, Like as the field is, so is also the seed; as the flowers be, such are the colours also;

2 ESDRAS

**such as the
workman is,
such also is the
work; and as the
husbandman is
himself, so is his
husbandry also:
for it was the
time of the
world. 9:18 And
now when I**

2 ESDRAS

**prepared the
world, which
was not yet
made, even for
them to dwell in
that now live, no
man spake
against me.**

**9: 19 For then
every one
obeyed: but now**

2 ESDRAS

**the manners of
them which are
created in this
world that is
made are
corrupted by a
perpetual seed,
and by a law
which is
unsearchable rid
themselves.**

2 ESDRAS

9:20 So I
considered the
world, and,
behold, there
was peril
because of the
devices that
were come into
it. **9:21** And I saw,
and spared it
greatly, and have

2 ESDRAS

**kept me a grape
of the cluster,
and a plant of a
great people.**

**9:22 Let the
multitude perish
then, which was
born in vain; and
let my grape be
kept, and my
plant; for with**

2 ESDRAS

**great labour
have I made it
perfect.**

**9:23 Nevertheless,
if thou wilt
cease yet seven
days more, (but
thou shalt not
fast in them,**

**9:24 But go into a
field of flowers,**

2 ESDRAS

**where no house
is builded, and
eat only the
flowers of the
field; taste no
flesh, drink no
wine, but eat
flowers only;)**

**9:25 And pray
unto the Highest
continually, then**

2 ESDRAS

**will I come and
talk with thee.**

9:26 So I went my
way into the field
which is called
Ardath, like as
he commanded
me; and there I
sat among the
flowers, and did
eat of the herbs

2 ESDRAS

**of the field, and
the meat of the
same satisfied
me. 9:27 After
seven days I sat
upon the grass,
and my heart
was vexed within
me, like as
before: 9:28 And I
opened my**

2 ESDRAS

**mouth, and
began to talk
before the most
High, and said,
9:29 O Lord, thou
that shewest
thyself unto us,
thou wast
shewed unto our
fathers in the
wilderness, in a**

2 ESDRAS

**place where no
man treadeth, in
a barren place,
when they came
out of Egypt.**

**9:30 And thou
spakest saying,
Hear me, O
Israel; and mark
my words, thou
seed of Jacob.**

2 ESDRAS

9:31 For, behold,
I sow my law in
you, and it shall
bring fruit in
you, and ye shall
be honoured in it
for ever. **9:32** But
our fathers,
which received
the law, kept it
not, and

2 ESDRAS

**observed not thy
ordinances: and
though the fruit
of thy law did
not perish,
neither could it,
for it was thine;
9:33 Yet they that
received it
perished,
because they**

2 ESDRAS

**kept not the
thing that was
sown in them.**

9:34 And, lo, it is
a custom, when
the ground hath
received seed, or
the sea a ship, or
any vessel meat
or drink, that,
that being

2 ESDRAS

**perished
wherein it was
sown or cast
into, ⁹:35 That
thing also which
was sown, or
cast therein, or
received, doth
perish, and
remaineth not
with us: but with**

2 ESDRAS

**us it hath not
happened so.**

9:36 For we that
have received
the law perish by
sin, and our
heart also which
received it.

9:37 Notwithstan
ding the law
perisheth not,

2 ESDRAS

**but remaineth in
his force.**

9:38 And when I
spake these
things in my
heart, I looked
back with mine
eyes, and upon
the right side I
saw a woman,
and, behold, she

2 ESDRAS

mourned and wept with a loud voice, and was much grieved in heart, and her clothes were rent, and she had ashes upon her head.

9:39 Then let I my thoughts go that

2 ESDRAS

**I was in, and
turned me unto
her, 9:40 And
said unto her,
Wherefore
weepest thou?
why art thou so
grieved in thy
mind? 9:41 And
she said unto
me, Sir, let me**

2 ESDRAS

**alone, that I may
bewail myself,
and add unto my
sorrow, for I am
sore vexed in my
mind, and
brought very
low. 9:42 And I
said unto her,
What aileth
thee? tell me.**

2 ESDRAS

9:43 She said
unto me, I thy
servant have
been barren, and
had no child,
though I had an
husband thirty
years, **9:44** And
those thirty
years I did
nothing else day

2 ESDRAS

**and night, and
every hour, but
make my, prayer
to the Highest.**

**9:45 After thirty
years God heard
me thine
handmaid,
looked upon my
misery,
considered my**

2 ESDRAS

**trouble, and
gave me a son:
and I was very
glad of him, so
was my husband
also, and all my
neighbours: and
we gave great
honour unto the
Almighty.**

9:46 And I

2 ESDRAS

**nourished him
with great
travail. 9:47 So
when he grew
up, and came to
the time that he
should have a
wife, I made a
feast.**

2 ESDRAS 10

10:1 And it so came to pass, that when my son was entered into his wedding chamber, he fell down, and died.

10:2 Then we all overthrew the lights, and all my

2 ESDRAS

**neighbours rose
up to comfort
me: so I took my
rest unto the
second day at
night. 10:3 And it
came to pass,
when they had
all left off to
comfort me, to
the end I might**

2 ESDRAS

**be quiet; then
rose I up by
night and fled,
and came hither
into this field, as
thou seest.**

**10:4 And I do
now purpose not
to return into the
city, but here to
stay, and neither**

2 ESDRAS

**to eat nor drink,
but continually
to mourn and to
fast until I die.**

10:5 Then left I
the meditations
wherein I was,
and spake to her
in anger, saying,
10:6 Thou foolish
woman above all

2 ESDRAS

**other, seest thou
not our
mourning, and
what happeneth
unto us?**

10:7 How that
Sion our mother
is full of all
heaviness, and
much humbled,
mourning very

2 ESDRAS

**sore? 10:8 And
now, seeing we
all mourn and
are sad, for we
are all in
heaviness, art
thou grieved for
one son?**

**10:9 For ask the
earth, and she
shall tell thee,**

2 ESDRAS

**that it is she
which ought to
mourn for the
fall of so many
that grow upon
her. 10:10 For out
of her came all at
the first, and out
of her shall all
others come,
and, behold,**

2 ESDRAS

**they walk almost
all into
destruction, and
a multitude of
them is utterly
rooted out.**

10: 11 Who then
should make
more mourning
than she, that
hath lost so

2 ESDRAS

**great a
multitude; and
not thou, which
art sorry but for
one? 10:12 But if
thou sayest unto
me, My
lamentation is
not like the
earth's, because
I have lost the**

2 ESDRAS

**fruit of my
womb, which I
brought forth
with pains, and
bare with
sorrows;**

**10:13 But the
earth not so: for
the multitude
present in it
according to the**

2 ESDRAS

**course of the
earth is gone, as
it came:**

10:14 Then say I
unto thee, Like
as thou hast
brought forth
with labour;
even so the
earth also hath
given her fruit,

2 ESDRAS

**namely, man,
ever since the
beginning unto
him that made
her. 10:15 Now
therefore keep
thy sorrow to
thyself, and bear
with a good
courage that
which hath**

2 ESDRAS

befallen thee.

10:16 For if
thou shalt
acknowledge the
determination of
God to be just,
thou shalt both
receive thy son
in time, and shalt
be commended
among women.

2 ESDRAS

10:17 Go thy way
then into the city
to thine
husband.

10:18 And she
said unto me,
That will I not
do: I will not go
into the city, but
here will I die.

10:19 So I

2 ESDRAS

**proceeded to
speak further
unto her, and
said, **10:20** Do
not so, but be
counselled. by
me: for how
many are the
adversities of
Sion? be
comforted in**

2 ESDRAS

**regard of the
sorrow of
Jerusalem.**

10:21 For thou
seest that our
sanctuary is laid
waste, our altar
broken down,
our temple
destroyed;

10:22 Our

2 ESDRAS

**psaltery is laid
on the ground,
our song is put
to silence, our
rejoicing is at an
end, the light of
our candlestick
is put out, the
ark of our
covenant is
spoiled, our holy**

2 ESDRAS

**things are
defiled, and the
name that is
called upon us is
almost profaned:
our children are
put to shame,
our priests are
burnt, our
Levites are gone
into captivity,**

2 ESDRAS

**our virgins are
defiled, and our
wives ravished;
our righteous
men carried
away, our little
ones destroyed,
our young men
are brought in
bondage, and
our strong men**

2 ESDRAS

**are become
weak; 10:23 And,
which is the
greatest of all,
the seal of Sion
hath now lost
her honour; for
she is delivered
into the hands of
them that hate
us. 10:24 And**

2 ESDRAS

**therefore shake
off thy great
heaviness, and
put away the
multitude of
sorrows, that the
Mighty may be
merciful unto
thee again, and
the Highest shall
give thee rest**

2 ESDRAS

**and ease from
thy labour.**

10:25 And it came
to pass while I
was talking with
her, behold, her
face upon a
sudden shined
exceedingly, and
her countenance
glistered, so that

2 ESDRAS

**I was afraid of
her, and mused
what it might be.**

**10:26 And,
behold,
suddenly she
made a great cry
very fearful: so
that the earth
shook at the
noise of the**

woman.

10:27 And I
looked, and,
behold, the
woman appeared
unto me no
more, but there
was a city
builded, and a
large place
shewed itself

2 ESDRAS

**from the
foundations:
then was I afraid,
and cried with a
loud voice, and
said, **10:28** Where
is Uriel the
angel, who came
unto me at the
first? for he hath
caused me to fall**

2 ESDRAS

**into many
trances, and
mine end is
turned into
corruption, and
my prayer to
rebuke.**

10:29 And as I
was speaking
these words
behold, he came

2 ESDRAS

**unto me, and
looked upon me.**

10:30 And, lo, I
lay as one that
had been dead,
and mine
understanding
was taken from
me: and he took
me by the right
hand, and

2 ESDRAS

**comforted me,
and set me upon
my feet, and said
unto me,**

10:31 **What aileth
thee? and why
art thou so
disquieted? and
why is thine
understanding
troubled, and the**

2 ESDRAS

**thoughts of thine
heart? 10:32 And
I said, Because
thou hast
forsaken me,
and yet I did
according to thy
words, and I
went into the
field, and, lo, I
have seen, and**

2 ESDRAS

**yet see, that I am
not able to
express.**

10:33 And he said
unto me, Stand
up manfully, and
I will advise thee.

10:34 Then said I,
Speak on, my
lord, in me; only
forsake me not,

2 ESDRAS

**lest I die
frustrate of my
hope. 10:35 For I
have seen that I
knew not, and
hear that I do not
know. 10:36 Or is
my sense
deceived, or my
soul in a dream?
10:37 Now**

2 ESDRAS

**therefore I
beseech thee
that thou wilt
shew thy servant
of this vision.**

**10:38 He
answered me
then, and said,
Hear me, and I
shall inform
thee, and tell**

2 ESDRAS

**thee wherefore
thou art afraid:
for the Highest
will reveal many
secret things
unto thee.**

10:39 He hath
seen that thy
way is right: for
that thou
sorrowest

2 ESDRAS

**continually for
thy people, and
makest great
lamentation for
Sion. 10:40 This
therefore is the
meaning of the
vision which
thou lately
sawest:
10:41 Thou**

2 ESDRAS

**sawest a woman
mourning, and
thou begannest
to comfort her:**

**10:42 But now
seest thou the
likeness of the
woman no more,
but there
appeared unto
thee a city**

2 ESDRAS

builded.

10:43 And

**whereas she told
thee of the death
of her son, this
is the solution:**

10:44 This

**woman, whom
thou sawest is
Sion: and
whereas she**

2 ESDRAS

**said unto thee,
even she whom
thou seest as a
city builded,**

10:45 **Whereas, I
say, she said
unto thee, that
she hath been
thirty years
barren: those are
the thirty years**

2 ESDRAS

**wherein there
was no offering
made in her.**

**10:46 But after
thirty years
Solomon builded
the city and
offered
offerings: and
then bare the
barren a son.**

2 ESDRAS

10:47 And
whereas she told
thee that she
nourished him
with labour: that
was the dwelling
in Jerusalem.

10:48 But
whereas she
said unto thee,
That my son

**coming into his
marriage
chamber
happened to
have a fail, and
died: this was
the destruction
that came to
Jerusalem.**

**10:49 And,
behold, thou**

2 ESDRAS

**sawest her
likeness, and
because she
mourned for her
son, thou
begannest to
comfort her: and
of these things
which have
chanced, these
are to be opened**

2 ESDRAS

unto thee.

10:50 For now
the most High
seeth that thou
art grieved
unfeignedly, and
sufferest from
thy whole heart
for her, so hath
he shewed thee
the brightness of

2 ESDRAS

**her glory, and
the comeliness
of her beauty:**

**10:51 And
therefore I bade
thee remain in
the field where
no house was
builded:**

**10:52 For I knew
that the Highest**

2 ESDRAS

**would shew this
unto thee.**

10:53 Therefore I
commanded
thee to go into
the field, where
no foundation of
any building
was. **10:54** For in
the place
wherein the

**Highest
beginneth to
shew his city,
there can no
man's building
be able to stand.**

**10:55 And
therefore fear
not, let not thine
heart be
affrighted, but**

2 ESDRAS

**go thy way in,
and see the
beauty and
greatness of the
building, as
much as thine
eyes be able to
see: 10:56 And
then shalt thou
hear as much as
thine ears may**

2 ESDRAS

comprehend.

10:57 For thou art
blessed above
many other, and
art called with
the Highest; and
so are but few.

10:58 But to
morrow at night
thou shalt
remain here;

2 ESDRAS

10:59 And so shall the Highest shew thee visions of the high things, which the most High will do unto them that dwell upon the earth in the last days. So I slept that night

2 ESDRAS

**and another,
like as he
commanded
me.**

2 ESDRAS 11

11:1 Then saw I a
dream, and,
behold, there
came up from
the sea an eagle,

2 ESDRAS

**which had
twelve feathered
wings, and three
heads. 11:2 And I**

**saw, and,
behold, she
spread her
wings over all
the earth, and all
the winds of the
air blew on her,**

**and were
gathered
together.**

**11:3 And I
beheld, and out
of her feathers
there grew other
contrary
feathers; and
they became
little feathers**

2 ESDRAS

and small.

11:4 But her heads were at rest: the head in the midst was greater than the other, yet rested it with the residue.

11:5 Moreover I beheld, and, lo,

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**the eagle flew
with her
feathers, and
reigned upon
earth, and over
them that dwelt
therein. 11:6 And
I saw that all
things under
heaven were
subject unto her,**

2 ESDRAS

**and no man
spake against
her, no, not one
creature upon
earth. 11:7 And I
beheld, and, lo,
the eagle rose
upon her talons,
and spake to her
feathers, saying,
11:8 Watch not all**

2 ESDRAS

**at once: sleep
every one in his
own place, and
watch by course:**

**11:9 But let the
heads be
preserved for the
last. 11:10 And I
beheld, and, lo,
the voice went
not out of her**

2 ESDRAS

**heads, but from
the midst of her
body. 11:11 And I
numbered her
contrary
feathers, and,
behold, there
were eight of
them. 11:12 And I
looked, and,
behold, on the**

2 ESDRAS

**right side there
arose one
feather, and
reigned over all
the earth;**

**11:13 And so it
was, that when it
reigned, the end
of it came, and
the place thereof
appeared no**

2 ESDRAS

**more: so the
next following
stood up. and
reigned, and had
a great time;**

11:14 And it
happened, that
when it reigned,
the end of it
came also, like
as the first, so

2 ESDRAS

**that it appeared
no more.**

11:15 Then came
there a voice
unto it, and said,

11:16 Hear thou
that hast borne
rule over the
earth so long:
this I say unto
thee, before thou

2 ESDRAS

**beginnest to
appear no more,**

11:17 **There shall
none after thee
attain unto thy
time, neither
unto the half
thereof.**

11:18 **Then arose
the third, and
reigned as the**

2 ESDRAS

**other before, and
appeared no
more also.**

11:19 So went it
with all the
residue one after
another, as that
every one
reigned, and
then appeared
no more.

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11:20 Then I beheld, and, lo, in process of time the feathers that followed stood up upon the right side, that they might rule also; and some of them ruled, but within

2 ESDRAS

**a while they
appeared no
more: **11:21** For
some of them
were set up, but
ruled not.**

****11:22** After this I
looked, and,
behold, the
twelve feathers
appeared no**

2 ESDRAS

**more, nor the
two little
feathers:**

11:23 And there
was no more
upon the eagle's
body, but three
heads that
rested, and six
little wings.

11:24 Then saw I

2 ESDRAS

**also that two
little feathers
divided
themselves from
the six, and
remained under
the head that
was upon the
right side: for
the four
continued in**

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their place.

11:25 And I

**beheld, and, lo,
the feathers that
were under the
wing thought to
set up
themselves and
to have the rule.**

11:26 And I

beheld, and, lo,

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**there was one
set up, but
shortly it
appeared no
more. **11:27** And
the second was
sooner away
than the first.**

****11:28** And I
beheld, and, lo,
the two that**

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**remained
thought also in
themselves to
reign: 11:29 And
when they so
thought, behold,
there awakened
one of the heads
that were at rest,
namely, it that
was in the midst;**

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**for that was
greater than the
two other heads.**

11:30 And then I
saw that the two
other heads
were joined with
it. **11:31** And,
behold, the head
was turned with
them that were

2 ESDRAS

**with it, and did
eat up the two
feathers under
the wing that
would have
reigned.**

**11:32 But this
head put the
whole earth in
fear, and bare
rule in it over all**

2 ESDRAS

**those that dwelt
upon the earth
with much
oppression; and
it had the
governance of
the world more
than all the
wings that had
been. **11:33** And
after this I**

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**beheld, and, lo,
the head that
was in the midst
suddenly
appeared no
more, like as the
wings. 11:34 But
there remained
the two heads,
which also in
like sort ruled**

2 ESDRAS

**upon the earth,
and over those
that dwelt
therein.**

11:35 And I
beheld, and, lo,
the head upon
the right side
devoured it that
was upon the left
side. **11:36** Then I

2 ESDRAS

**head a voice,
which said unto
me, Look before
thee, and
consider the
thing that thou
seest. 11:37 And I
beheld, and lo,
as it were a
roaring lion
chased out of**

2 ESDRAS

**the wood: and I
saw that he sent
out a man's
voice unto the
eagle, and said,
11:38 Hear thou, I
will talk with
thee, and the
Highest shall say
unto thee,
11:39 Art not thou**

2 ESDRAS

**it that remainest
of the four
beasts, whom I
made to reign in
my world, that
the end of their
times might
come through
them? **11:40** And
the fourth came,
and overcame all**

2 ESDRAS

**the beasts that
were past, and
had power over
the world with
great
fearfulness, and
over the whole
compass of the
earth with much
wicked
oppression; and**

2 ESDRAS

**so long time
dwelt he upon
the earth with
deceit. 11:41 For
the earth hast
thou not judged
with truth.**

**11:42 For thou
hast afflicted the
meek, thou hast
hurt the**

2 ESDRAS

**peaceable, thou
hast loved liars,
and destroyed
the dwellings of
them that
brought forth
fruit, and hast
cast down the
walls of such as
did thee no
harm.**

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11:43 Therefore is
thy wrongful
dealing come up
unto the Highest,
and thy pride
unto the Mighty.

11:44 The Highest
also hath looked
upon the proud
times, and,
behold, they are

2 ESDRAS

**ended, and his
abominations
are fulfilled.**

**11:45 And
therefore appear
no more, thou
eagle, nor thy
horrible wings,
nor thy wicked
feathers nor thy
malicious heads,**

2 ESDRAS

**nor thy hurtful
claws, nor all thy
vain body:**

11:46 **That all the
earth may be
refreshed, and
may return,
being delivered
from thy
violence, and
that she may**

2 ESDRAS

**hope for the
judgment and
mercy of him
that made her.**

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12:1 And it came
to pass, whiles
the lion spake
these words
unto the eagle, I
saw, **12:2** And,

2 ESDRAS

**behold, the head
that remained
and the four
wings appeared
no more, and the
two went unto it
and set
themselves up to
reign, and their
kingdom was
small, and fill of**

2 ESDRAS

**uproar. 12:3 And
I saw, and,
behold, they
appeared no
more, and the
whole body of
the eagle was
burnt so that the
earth was in
great fear: then
awaked I out of**

2 ESDRAS

**the trouble and
trance of my
mind, and from
great fear, and
said unto my
spirit, **12:4** Lo,
this hast thou
done unto me, in
that thou
searchest out
the ways of the**

2 ESDRAS

**Highest. 12:5 Lo,
yet am I weary in
my mind, and
very weak in my
spirit; and little
strength is there
in me, for the
great fear
wherewith I was
afflicted this
night.**

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12:6 Therefore
will I now
beseech the
Highest, that he
will comfort me
unto the end.

12:7 And I said,
Lord that bearest
rule, if I have
found grace
before thy sight,

2 ESDRAS

**and if I am
justified with
thee before
many others,
and if my prayer
indeed be come
up before thy
face;**

**12:8 Comfort me
then, and shew
me thy**

2 ESDRAS

**servant the
interpretation
and plain
difference of this
fearful vision,
that thou mayest
perfectly comfort
my soul. **12:9** For
thou hast judged
me worthy to
shew me the last**

2 ESDRAS

**times. 12:10 And
he said unto me,
This is the
interpretation of
the vision:**

**12:11 The eagle,
whom thou
sawest come up
from the sea, is
the kingdom
which was seen**

2 ESDRAS

**in the vision of
thy brother
Daniel. 12:12 But
it was not
expounded unto
him, therefore
now I declare it
unto thee.**

**12:13 Behold, the
days will come,
that there shall**

2 ESDRAS

**rise up a
kingdom upon
earth, and it
shall be feared
above all the
kingdoms that
were before it.**

**12:14 In the same
shall twelve
kings reign, one
after another:**

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12:15 Whereof
the second shall
begin to reign,
and shall have
more time than
any of the
twelve. **12:16** And
this do the
twelve wings
signify, which
thou sawest.

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12:17 As for the voice which thou heardest speak, and that thou sawest not to go out from the heads but from the midst of the body thereof, this is the interpretation:

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12:18 That after
the time of that
kingdom there
shall arise great
strivings, and it
shall stand in
peril of failing:
nevertheless it
shall not then
fall, but shall be
restored again to

2 ESDRAS

his beginning.

12:19 And

**whereas thou
sawest the eight
small under
feathers sticking
to her wings,
this is the
interpretation:**

12:20 That in him
there shall arise

2 ESDRAS

**eight kings,
whose times
shall be but
small, and their
years swift.**

12:21 And two
of them shall
perish, the
middle time
approaching:
four shall be

2 ESDRAS

**kept until their
end begin to
approach: but
two shall be kept
unto the end.**

**12:22 And
whereas thou
sawest three
heads resting,
this is the
interpretation:**

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12:23 In his last days shall the most High raise up three kingdoms, and renew many things therein, and they shall have the dominion of the earth, **12:24** And

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of those that dwell therein, with much oppression, above all those that were before them: therefore are they called the heads of the eagle. 12:25 For these are they

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**that shall
accomplish his
wickedness, and
that shall finish
his last end.**

**12:26 And
whereas thou
sawest that the
great head
appeared no
more, it**

2 ESDRAS

**signifieth that
one of them
shall die upon
his bed, and yet
with pain.**

12:27 For the two
that remain shall
be slain with the
sword. **12:28** For
the sword of the
one shall devour

2 ESDRAS

**the other: but at
the last shall he
fall through the
sword himself.**

**12:29 And
whereas thou
sawest two
feathers under
the wings
passing over the
head that is on**

2 ESDRAS

the right side;
12:30 **It signifieth**
that these are
they, whom the
Highest hath
kept unto their
end: this is the
small kingdom
and full of
trouble, as thou
sawest.

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12:31 And the lion, whom thou sawest rising up out of the wood, and roaring, and speaking to the eagle, and rebuking her for her unrighteousness with all the

2 ESDRAS

**words which
thou hast heard;
12:32 This is the
anoointed, which
the Highest hath
kept for them
and for their
wickedness unto
the end: he shall
reprove them,
and shall**

2 ESDRAS

**upbraid them
with their
cruelty. 12:33 For
he shall set them
before him alive
in judgment, and
shall rebuke
them, and
correct them.**

**12:34 For the rest
of my people**

2 ESDRAS

**shall he deliver
with mercy,
those that have
been pressed
upon my
borders, and he
shall make them
joyful until the
coming of the
day of judgment,
whereof I have**

2 ESDRAS

**spoken unto
thee from the
beginning.**

12:35 **This is the
dream that thou
sawest, and
these are the
interpretations.**

12:36 **Thou only
hast been meet
to know this**

2 ESDRAS

**secret of the
Highest.**

12:37 Therefore
write all these
things that thou
hast seen in a
book, and hide
them: **12:38** And
teach them to
the wise of the
people, whose

2 ESDRAS

**hearts thou
knowest may
comprehend and
keep these
secrets.**

12:39 But wait
thou here thyself
yet seven days
more, that it may
be shewed thee,
whatsoever it

2 ESDRAS

**pleaseth the
Highest to
declare unto
thee. And with
that he went his
way. 12:40 And it
came to pass,
when all the
people saw that
the seven days
were past, and I**

2 ESDRAS

**not come again
into the city,
they gathered
them all
together, from
the least unto
the greatest, and
came unto me,
and said,**

**12:41 What have
we offended**

2 ESDRAS

**thee? and what
evil have we
done against
thee, that thou
forsakest us,
and sittest here
in this place?**

**12:42 For of all
the prophets
thou only art left
us, as a cluster**

2 ESDRAS

**of the vintage,
and as a candle
in a dark place,
and as a haven
or ship
preserved from
the tempest.**

12:43 Are not the
evils which are
come to us
sufficient?

2 ESDRAS

12:44 If thou shalt forsake us, how much better had it been for us, if we also had been burned in the midst of Sion? **12:45** For we are not better than they that died there. And

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they wept with a loud voice. Then answered I them, and said,

12:46 Be of good comfort, O Israel; and be not heavy, thou house of Jacob:

12:47 For the Highest hath you

2 ESDRAS

**in remembrance,
and the Mighty
hath not
forgotten you in
temptation.**

12:48 **As for me, I
have not
forsaken you,
neither am I
departed from
you: but am**

2 ESDRAS

come into this place, to pray for the desolation of Sion, and that I might seek mercy for the low estate of your sanctuary.

12:49 And now go your way home every man,

2 ESDRAS

**and after these
days will I come
unto you.**

12:50 So the
people went
their way into
the city, like as I
commanded
them: **12:51** But I
remained still in
the field seven

2 ESDRAS

**days, as the
Angel
commanded me;
and did eat only
in those days of
the flowers of
the field, and
had my
meat of the
herbs.**

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13:1 And it came
to pass after
seven days, I
dreamed a
dream by night:

13:2 And, lo,
there arose a
wind from the
sea, that it
moved all the

2 ESDRAS

waves thereof.

13:3 And I

**beheld, and, lo,
that man waxed
strong with the
thousands of
heaven: and
when
he turned his
countenance to
look, all the**

2 ESDRAS

**things trembled
that were seen
under him.**

**13:4 And
whensoever the
voice went out of
his mouth, all
they burned that
heard his voice,
like as the earth
faileth when it**

2 ESDRAS

feeletth the fire.

13:5 And after
this I beheld,
and, lo, there
was gathered
together a
multitude of
men, out of
number, from
the four winds of
the heaven, to

2 ESDRAS

**subdue the man
that came out of
the sea **13:6** But I**

**beheld, and, lo,
he had graved
himself a great
mountain, and
flew up upon it.**

****13:7** But I would
have seen the
region or place**

2 ESDRAS

**whereout the hill
was graven, and
I could not.**

**13:8 And after
this I beheld,
and, lo, all they
which were
gathered
together to
subdue him were
sore afraid, and**

2 ESDRAS

yet durst fight.

13:9 And, lo, as
he saw the
violence of the
multitude that
came, he neither
lifted up his
hand, nor held
sword, nor any
instrument of
war: **13:10** But

2 ESDRAS

**only I saw that
he sent out of
his mouth as it
had been a blast
of fire, and out of
his lips a flaming
breath, and out
of his tongue he
cast out sparks
and tempests.**

13: 11 And they

2 ESDRAS

**were all mixed
together; the
blast of fire, the
flaming breath,
and the great
tempest; and fell
with violence
upon the
multitude which
was prepared to
fight, and burned**

2 ESDRAS

**them up every
one, so that
upon a sudden
of an
innumerable
multitude
nothing was to
be perceived,
but only dust
and smell of
smoke: when I**

2 ESDRAS

**saw this I was
afraid.**

13:12 Afterward
saw I the same
man come down
from the
mountain, and
call unto him
another
peaceable
Multitude.

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13:13 And there
came much
people unto him,
whereof some
were glad, some
were sorry, and
some of them
were bound, and
other some
brought of them
that were

2 ESDRAS

**offered: then
was I sick
through great
fear, and I
awaked, and
said, **13:** **14** Thou
hast shewed thy
servant these
wonders from
the beginning,
and hast**

2 ESDRAS

**counted me
worthy that thou
shouldest
receive my
prayer:**

13:15 Shew me

**now yet the
interpretation of
this dream.**

13:16 For as I
conceive in mine

2 ESDRAS

**understanding,
woe unto them
that shall be left
in those days
and much more
woe unto them
that are not left
behind! **13:17** For
they that were
not left were in
heaviness.**

2 ESDRAS

13:18 Now
understand I the
things that are
laid up in the
latter days,
which shall
happen unto
them, and to
those that are
left behind.

13:19 Therefore

2 ESDRAS

**are they come
into great perils
and many
necessities, like
as these dreams
declare. **13:20** Yet
is it easier for
him that is in
danger to come
into these
things, than to**

2 ESDRAS

**pass away as a
cloud out of the
world, and not to
see the things
that happen in
the last days.**

**And he
answered unto
me, and said,**

**13:21 The
interpretation of**

2 ESDRAS

**the vision shall I
shew thee, and I
will open unto
thee the thing
that thou hast
required.**

13:22 Whereas
thou hast
spoken of them
that are left
behind, this is

2 ESDRAS

**the
interpretation:
13:23 He that
shall endure the
peril in that time
hath kept
himself: they
that be fallen
into danger are
such as have
works, and faith**

2 ESDRAS

**toward the
Almighty.**

13:24 Know this
therefore, that
they which be
left behind are
more blessed
than they that be
dead. **13:25** This
is the meaning
of the vision:

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**Whereas thou
sawest a man
coming up from
the midst of the
sea: **13:26** The
same is he
whom God the
Highest hath
kept a great
season, which
by his own self**

2 ESDRAS

**shall deliver his
creature: and he
shall order them
that are left
behind.**

**13:27 And
whereas thou
sawest, that out
of his mouth
there came as a
blast of wind,**

2 ESDRAS

**and fire, and
storm; 13:28 And
that he held
neither sword,
nor any
instrument of
war, but that the
rushing in of him
destroyed the
whole multitude
that came to**

2 ESDRAS

**subdue him; this
is the**

interpretation:

13:29 Behold, the
days come,
when the most
High will begin
to deliver them
that are upon the
earth. **13:30** And
he shall come to

**the
astonishment of
them that dwell
on the earth.**

13:31 And one
shall undertake
to fight against
another, one city
against another,
one place
against another,

2 ESDRAS

**one people
against another,
and one realm
against another.**

13:32 And the
time shall be
when these
things shall
come to pass,
and the signs
shall happen

2 ESDRAS

**which I shewed
thee before, and
then shall my
Son be declared,
whom thou
sawest as a man
ascending.**

13:33 And when
all the people
hear his voice,
every man shall

2 ESDRAS

**in their own land
leave the battle
they have one
against another.**

13:34 And an
innumerable
multitude shall
be gathered
together, as thou
sawest them,
willing to come,

2 ESDRAS

**and to overcome
him by fighting.**

13:35 But he
shall stand upon
the top of the
mount Sion.

13:36 And Sion
shall come, and
shall be shewed
to all men, being
prepared and

2 ESDRAS

**builded, like as
thou sawest the
hill graven
without hands.**

13:37 And this
my Son shall
rebuke the
wicked
inventions of
those nations,
which for their

2 ESDRAS

**wicked life are
fallen into the
tempest;**

13:38 **And shall
lay before them
their evil
thoughts, and
the torments
wherewith they
shall begin to be
tormented,**

2 ESDRAS

**which are like
unto a flame:
and he shall
destroy them
without labour
by the law which
is like unto me.**

**13:39 And
whereas thou
sawest that he
gathered another**

2 ESDRAS

**peaceable
multitude unto
him; 13:40 Those
are the ten
tribes, which
were carried
away prisoners
out of their own
land in the time
of Osea the king,
whom**

2 ESDRAS

Salmanasar the king of Assyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so came they into another land.

13:41 But they took this counsel among

2 ESDRAS

**themselves, that
they would leave
the multitude of
the heathen, and
go forth into a
further country,
where never
mankind dwelt,
13:42 That they
might there keep
their statutes,**

2 ESDRAS

which they never kept in their own land. 13:43 And they entered into Euphrates by the narrow places of the river.

13:44 For the most High then shewed signs for them, and held

2 ESDRAS

**still the flood, till
they were
passed over.**

13:45 For through
that country
there was a great
way to go,
namely, of a year
and a half: and
the same region
is called

Arsareth.

13:46 Then dwelt
they there until
the latter time;
and now when
they shall begin
to come,

13:47 The
Highest shall
stay the springs
of the stream

2 ESDRAS

**again, that they
may go through:
therefore sawest
thou the
multitude with
peace. 13:48 But
those that be left
behind of thy
people are they
that are found
within my**

borders.

13:49 Now when
he destroyeth
the multitude of
the nations that
are gathered
together, he
shall defend his
people that
remain.

13:50 And then

2 ESDRAS

**shall he shew
them great
wonders.**

13:51 Then said I,
O Lord that
bearest rule,
shew me this:
Wherefore have I
seen the man
coming up from
the midst of the

2 ESDRAS

**sea? 13:52 And
he said unto me,
Like as thou
canst neither
seek out nor
know the things
that are in the
deep of the sea:
even so can no
man upon earth
see my Son, or**

2 ESDRAS

**those that be
with him, but in
the day time.**

13:53 This is the
interpretation of
the dream which
thou sawest, and
whereby thou
only art here
lightened.

13:54 For thou

2 ESDRAS

**hast forsaken
thine own way,
and applied thy
diligence unto
my law, and
sought it.**

13:55 **Thy life
hast thou
ordered in
wisdom, and
hast called**

2 ESDRAS

**understanding
thy mother.**

13:56 And

**therefore have I
shewed thee the
treasures of the
Highest: after
other three days
I will speak other
things unto thee,
and declare unto**

2 ESDRAS

**thee mighty and
wondrous
things.**

13:57 Then went I
forth into the
field, giving
praise and
thanks greatly
unto the most
High because of
his wonders

2 ESDRAS

**which he did in
time;**

13:58 And

**because he
governeth the
same, and such
things as fall in
their seasons:
and there I sat
three days.**

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14:1 And it came to pass upon the third day, I sat under an oak, and, behold, there came a voice out of a bush over against me, and

2 ESDRAS

**said, Esdras,
Esdras. 14:2 And
I said, Here am I,
Lord And I stood
up upon my feet.
14:3 Then said he
unto me, In the
bush I did
manifestly reveal
myself unto
Moses, and**

2 ESDRAS

**talked with him,
when my people
served in Egypt:**

**14:4 And I sent
him and led my
people out of
Egypt, and
brought him up
to the mount of
where I held him
by me a long**

2 ESDRAS

**season, 14:5 And
told him many
wondrous
things, and
shewed him the
secrets of the
times, and the
end; and
commanded
him, saying,
14:6 These words**

2 ESDRAS

**shalt thou
declare, and
these shalt thou
hide. 14:7 And
now I say unto
thee, 14:8 That
thou lay up in
thy heart the
signs that I have
shewed, and the**

2 ESDRAS

**dreams that thou
hast seen,
and the
interpretations
which thou hast
heard: **14:9** For
thou shalt be
taken away from
all, and from
henceforth thou
shalt remain with**

2 ESDRAS

**my Son, and
with such as be
like thee, until
the times be
ended. 14:10 For
the world hath
lost his youth,
and the times
begin to wax old.**

**14:11 For the
world is divided**

2 ESDRAS

**into twelve parts,
and the ten parts
of it are gone
already, and half
of a tenth part:**

**14:12 And there
remaineth that
which is after the
half of the tenth
part. 14:13 Now
therefore set**

2 ESDRAS

**thine house in
order, and
reprove thy
people, comfort
such of them as
be in trouble,
and now
renounce
corruption,**

**14: 14 Let go from
thee mortal**

2 ESDRAS

**thoughts, cast
away the
burdens of man,
put off now the
weak nature,
14: 15 And set
aside the
thoughts that are
most heavy unto
thee, and haste
thee to flee from**

2 ESDRAS

these times.

14:16 For yet
greater evils
than those which
thou hast seen
happen shall be
done hereafter.

14:17 For look
how much the
world shall be
weaker through

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age, so much the more shall evils increase upon them that dwell therein. 14:18 For the time is fled far away, and leasing is hard at hand: for now hasteth the vision to come,

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**which thou hast
seen. 14:19 Then**

**answered I
before thee, and
said,**

**14:20 Behold,
Lord, I will go, as
thou hast
commanded me,
and reprove the
people which are**

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**present: but they
that shall be
born afterward,
who shall
admonish them?
thus the world is
set in darkness,
and they that
dwell therein are
without light.**

14:21 For thy law

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**is burnt,
therefore no man
knoweth the
things that are
done of thee, or
the work that
shall begin.**

14:22 But if I have
found grace
before thee,
send the Holy

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**Ghost into me,
and I shall write
all that hath
been done in the
world since the
beginning, which
were written in
thy law, that men
may find thy
path, and that
they which will**

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**live in the latter
days may live.**

14:23 And he
answered me,
saying, Go thy
way, gather the
people together,
and say unto
them, that they
seek thee not
for forty days.

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14:24 But look
thou prepare
thee many box
trees, and take
with thee Sarea,
Dabria, Selemia,
Ecanus, and
Asiel, these five
which are ready
to write swiftly;
14:25 And come

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**hither, and I
shall light a
candle of
understandin
g in thine
heart, which
shall not be put
out, till the
things be
performed which
thou shalt begin**

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to write.

14:26 And when
thou hast done,
some things
shalt thou
publish, and
some things
shalt thou shew
secretly to the
wise: to morrow
this hour shalt

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**thou begin to
write. 14:27 Then
went I forth, as
he commanded,
and gathered all
the people
together, and
said, 14:28 Hear
these words, O
Israel. 14:29 Our
fathers at the**

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**beginning were
strangers in
Egypt, from
whence they
were delivered:**

**14:30 And
received the law
of life, which
they kept not,
which ye
also have**

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**transgressed
after them.**

14:31 Then was
the land, even
the land of Sion,
parted among
you by lot: but
your fathers, and
ye yourselves,
have done
unrighteousness

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**, and have not
kept the ways
which the
Highest
commanded
you. 14:32 And
forasmuch as he
is a righteous
judge, he took
from you in time
the thing that he**

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had given you.

14:33 And now
are ye here, and
your brethren
among you.

14:34 Therefore
if so be that ye
will subdue
your own
understanding,
and reform your

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**hearts, ye shall
be kept alive and
after death ye
shall obtain
mercy. 14:35 For
after death shall
the judgment
come, when we
shall live again:
and then shall
the names of the**

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**righteous be
manifest, and
the works of the
ungodly shall be
declared.**

14:36 Let no man
therefore come
unto me now,
nor seek after
me these forty
days. **14:37** So I

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**took the five
men, as he
commanded me,
and we went into
the field, and
remained there.**

14:38 And the
next day, behold,
a voice called
me, saying,
Esdras, open thy

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**mouth, and drink
that I give thee
to drink.**

14:39 Then
opened I my
mouth, and,
behold, he
reached me a full
cup, which was
full as it were
with water, but

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**the colour of it
was like fire.**

14:40 And I took
it, and drank:
and when I had
drunk of it, my
heart uttered
understanding,
and wisdom
grew in my
breast, for my

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**spirit
strengthened my
memory:**

14:41 And my
mouth was
opened, and
shut no more.

14:42 The
Highest gave
understanding
unto the five

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**men, and they
wrote the
wonderful
visions of the
night that were
told, which they
knew not: and
they sat forty
days, and they
wrote in the day,
and at night they**

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ate bread.

14:43 As for me. I
spake in the day,
and I held not
my tongue by
night. **14:44** In
forty days they
wrote two
hundred and
four books.
14:45 And it

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**came to pass,
when the forty
days were filled,
that the Highest
spake, saying,
The first that
thou hast written
publish openly,
that the worthy
and unworthy
may read it:**

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14:46 But keep
the seventy last,
that thou mayest
deliver them
only to such as
be wise among
the people:

14:47 For in them
is the spring of
understanding,
the fountain of

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**wisdom, and the
stream of
knowledge.**

14:48 And I did
so.

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15:1 Behold,
speak thou in
the ears of my
people the

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**words of
prophecy, which
I will put in thy
mouth, saith the
Lord: 15:2 And
cause them to be
written in paper:
for they are
faithful and true.
15:3 Fear not the
imaginations**

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**against thee, let
not the
incredulity of
them trouble
thee, that speak
against thee.**

15:4 For all the
unfaithful shall
die in their
unfaithfulness.

15:5 Behold,

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**saith the Lord, I
will bring
plagues upon
the world; the
sword, famine,
death, and
destruction.**

**15:6 For
wickedness hath
exceedingly
polluted the**

2 ESDRAS

**whole earth, and
their hurtful
works are
fulfilled.**

15:7 Therefore
saith the Lord,

15:8 I will hold
my tongue no
more as
touching their
wickedness,

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**which they
profanely
commit, neither
will I suffer them
in those things,
in which they
wickedly
exercise
themselves:
behold, the
innocent and**

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**righteous blood
crieth unto me,
and the souls of
the just
complain
continually.**

**15:9 And
therefore, saith
the Lord, I will
surely avenge
them, and**

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**receive unto me
all the innocent
blood from
among them.**

15:10 Behold, my
people is led as
a flock to the
slaughter: I will
not suffer them
now to dwell in
the land of

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Egypt: 15:11 But I will bring them with a mighty hand and a stretched out arm, and smite Egypt with plagues, as before, and will destroy all the land thereof.

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15:12 Egypt shall
mourn, and the
foundation of it
shall be smitten
with the plague
and punishment
that God shall
bring upon it.

15:13 They that
till the ground
shall mourn: for

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**their seeds shall
fail through the
blasting and hail,
and with a
fearful
constellation.**

15:14 Woe to the
world and them
that dwell
therein! **15:15** For
the sword and

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**their destruction
draweth nigh,
and one people
shall stand up
and fight against
another, and
swords in their
hands. **15:16** For
there shall be
sedition among
men, and**

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invading one another; they shall not regard their kings nor princes, and the course of their actions shall stand in their power. **15:17 A man shall desire to go into a city,**

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**and shall not be
able. 15:18 For
because of their
pride the cities
shall be
troubled, the
houses shall be
destroyed, and
men shall be
afraid. 15:19 A
man shall have**

2 ESDRAS

**no pity upon his
neighbour, but
shall destroy
their houses
with the sword,
and spoil their
goods, because
of the lack of
bread, and for
great tribulation.**

15:20 Behold,

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**saith God, I will
call together all
the kings of the
earth to
reverence me,
which are from
the rising of the
sun, from the
south, from the
east, and
Libanus; to turn**

2 ESDRAS

**themselves one
against another,
and repay the
things that they
have done to
them. **15:21** Like
as they do yet
this day unto my
chosen, so will I
do also, and
recompense in**

2 ESDRAS

**their bosom.
Thus saith the
Lord God;
15:22 My right
hand shall not
spare the
sinners, and my
sword shall not
cease over them
that shed
innocent blood**

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upon the earth.

15:23 The fire is gone forth from his wrath, and hath consumed the foundations of the earth, and the sinners, like the straw that is kindled.

15:24 Woe to

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**them that sin,
and keep not my
commandments!
saith the Lord.**

15:25 I will not
spare them: go
your way, ye
children, from
the power, defile
not my
sanctuary.

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15:26 For the
Lord knoweth all
them that sin
against him, and
therefore
delivereth he
them unto death
and destruction.

15:27 For now
are the plagues
come upon the

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**whole earth and
ye shall remain
in them: for God
shall not deliver
you, because ye
have sinned
against him.**

**15:28 Behold an
horrible vision,
and the
appearance**

**thereof from the
east:**

15:29 Where the
nations of the
dragons of
Arabia shall
come out with
many chariots,
and the
multitude of
them shall be

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**carried as the
wind upon earth,
that all they
which hear them
may fear and
tremble.**

15:30 Also the
Carmanians
raging in wrath
shall go forth as
the wild boars of

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**the wood, and
with great power
shall they come,
and join battle
with them, and
shall waste a
portion of the
land of the
Assyrians.**

15:31 And then
shall the

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**dragons have
the upper hand,
remembering
their nature; and
if they shall turn
themselves,
conspiring
together in great
power to
persecute them,
15:32 Then these**

2 ESDRAS

**shall be troubled
bled, and keep
silence through
their power, and
shall flee.**

15:33 **And from
the land of the
Assyrians shall
the enemy
besiege them,
and consume**

2 ESDRAS

**some of them,
and in their host
shall be fear and
dread, and strife
among their
kings.**

**15:34 Behold
clouds from the
east and from
the north unto
the south, and**

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**they are very
horrible to look
upon, full of
wrath and storm.**

15:35 **They shall
smite one upon
another, and
they shall smite
down a great
multitude of
stars upon the**

2 ESDRAS

**earth, even their
own star; and
blood shall be
from the sword
unto the belly,**

15:36 **And dung
of men unto the
camel's hough.**

15:37 **And there
shall be great
fearfulness and**

2 ESDRAS

**trembling upon
earth: and they
that see the
wrath shall be
afraid, and
trembling shall
come upon
them. 15:38 And
then shall there
come great
storms from the**

2 ESDRAS

**south, and from
the north, and
another part
from the west.**

15:39 And strong
winds shall arise
from the east,
and shall open
it; and the cloud
which he raised
up in wrath, and

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**the star stirred
to cause fear
toward the east
and west wind,
shall be
destroyed.**

15:40 The great
and mighty
clouds shall be
puffed up full of
wrath, and the

2 ESDRAS

**star, that they
may make all the
earth afraid, and
them that dwell
therein; and they
shall pour out
over every high
and eminent
place an horrible
star, **15:41** Fire,
and hail, and**

2 ESDRAS

**flying swords,
and many
waters, that all
fields may be
full, and all
rivers, with the
abundance of
great waters.**

15:42 And they
shall break down
the cities and

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**walls, mountains
and hills, trees
of the wood, and
grass of the
meadows, and
their corn.**

**15:43 And they
shall go
stedfastly unto
Babylon, and
make her afraid.**

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15:44 They shall come to her, and besiege her, the star and all wrath shall they pour out upon her: then shall the dust and smoke go up unto the heaven, and all they that

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**be about her
shall bewail her.**

15:45 And they
that remain
under her shall
do service unto
them that have
put her in fear.

15:46 And thou,
Asia, that art
partaker of the

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**hope of Babylon,
and art the glory
of her person:**

15:47 **Woe be
unto thee, thou
wretch, because
thou hast made
thyself like unto
her; and hast
decked thy
daughters in**

2 ESDRAS

**whoredom, that
they might
please and glory
in thy lovers,
which have
always desired
to commit
whoredom with
thee. 15:48 Thou
hast followed
her that is hated**

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**in all her works
and inventions:
therefore saith
God, **15:49** I will
send plagues
upon thee;
widowhood,
poverty, famine,
sword, and
pestilence, to
waste thy**

2 ESDRAS

**houses with
destruction and
death. 15:50 And
the glory of thy
Power shall be
dried up as a
flower, the heat
shall arise that is
sent over thee.
15:51 Thou shalt
be weakened as**

2 ESDRAS

**a poor woman
with stripes, and
as one chastised
with wounds, so
that the mighty
and lovers shall
not be able to
receive thee.**

**15:52 Would I
with jealousy
have so**

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**proceeded
against thee,
saith the Lord,
15:53 If thou
hadst not always
slain my chosen,
exalting the
stroke of thine
hands, and
saying over their
dead, when thou**

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wast drunken,

15:54 Set forth
the beauty of thy
countenance?

15:55 The reward
of thy whoredom
shall be in thy
bosom, therefore
shalt thou
receive
recompence.

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15:56 Like as
thou hast done
unto my chosen,
saith the Lord,
even so shall
God do unto
thee, and shall
deliver thee into
mischief

15:57 Thy
children shall die

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**of hunger, and
thou shalt fall
through the
sword: thy cities
shall be broken
down, and all
thine shall
perish with the
sword in the
field. 15:58 They
that be in the**

2 ESDRAS

**mountains shall
die of hunger,
and eat their
own flesh, and
drink their own
blood, for very
hunger of bread,
and thirst of
water. 15:59 Thou
as unhappy shalt
come through**

2 ESDRAS

**the sea, and
receive plagues
again. 15:60 And
in the passage
they shall rush
on the idle city,
and shall
destroy some
portion of thy
land, and
consume part of**

2 ESDRAS

**thy glory, and
shall return to
Babylon that
was destroyed.**

15:61 And thou
shalt be cast
down by them as
stubble, and
they shall be
unto thee as fire;

15:62 And shall

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**consume thee,
and thy cities, thy
land, and thy
mountains; all thy
woods and thy
fruitful trees shall
they burn up with
fire. 15:63 Thy
children shall they
carry away
captive, and, look,**

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**what thou hast,
they shall spoil it,
and mar the
beauty of thy face.**

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**16:1 Woe be unto
thee, Babylon,
and Asia! woe be
unto thee, Egypt
and Syria!**

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16:2 Gird up
yourselves with
cloths of sack
and hair, bewail
your children,
and be sorry; for
your destruction
is at hand. **16:3** A
sword is sent
upon you, and
who may turn it

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back? 16:4 A fire is sent among you, and who may quench it?

16:5 Plagues are sent unto you, and what is he that may drive them away?

16:6 May any man drive away

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**an hungry lion in
the wood? or
may any one
quench the fire
in stubble, when
it hath begun to
burn? 16:7 May
one turn again
the arrow that is
shot of a strong
archer? 16:8 The**

2 ESDRAS

**mighty Lord
sendeth the
plagues and who
is he that can
drive them
away? 16:9 A fire
shall go forth
from his wrath,
and who is he
that may quench
it? 15:10 He shall**

2 ESDRAS

**cast lightnings,
and who shall
not fear? he
shall thunder,
and who shall
not be afraid?**

16: 11 **The Lord
shall threaten,
and who shall
not be utterly
beaten to**

2 ESDRAS

**powder at his
presence?**

16:12 The earth
quaketh, and the
foundations
thereof; the sea
ariseth up with
waves from the
deep, and the
waves of it are
troubled, and the

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**fishes thereof
also, before the
Lord, and before
the glory of his
power: 16:13 For
strong is his
right hand that
bendeth the
bow, his arrows
that he shooteth
are sharp, and**

2 ESDRAS

**shall not miss,
when they begin
to be shot into
the ends of the
world.**

16:14 Behold, the
plagues are sent,
and shall not
return again,
until they come
upon the earth.

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16:15 The fire is
kindled, and
shall not be put
out, till it
consume the
foundation of the
earth. **16:16** Like
as an arrow
which is shot of
a mighty archer
returneth not

2 ESDRAS

**backward: even
so the plagues
that shall be sent
upon earth shall
not return again.**

**16:17 Woe is me!
woe is me! who
will deliver me in
those days?**

**16:18 The
beginning of**

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**sorrows and
great
mournings; the
beginning of
famine and great
death; the
beginning of
wars, and the
powers shall
stand in fear; the
beginning of**

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**evils! what shall
I do when these
evils shall
come?**

16:19 Behold,
famine and
plague,
tribulation and
anguish, are
sent as scourges
for amendment.

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16:20 But for all
these things
they shall not
turn from their
wickedness, nor
be always
mindful of the
scourges.

16:21 Behold,
victuals shall be
so good cheap

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**upon earth, that
they shall think
themselves to be
in good case,
and even then
shall evils grow
upon earth,
sword, famine,
and great
confusion.**

16:22 For many

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**of them that
dwell upon earth
shall perish of
famine; and the
other, that
escape the
hunger, shall the
sword destroy.**

**16:23 And the
dead shall be
cast out as**

2 ESDRAS

**dung, and there
shall be no man
to comfort them:
for the earth
shall be wasted,
and the cities
shall be cast
down.**

16:24 **There shall
be no man left to
till the earth, and**

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to sow it

16:25 The trees
shall give fruit,
and who shall
gather them?

16:26 The grapes
shall ripen, and
who shall tread
them? for all
places shall be
desolate of men:

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16:27 So that one man shall desire to see another, and to hear his voice. **16:28** For of a city there shall be ten left, and two of the field, which shall hide themselves in the thick

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**groves, and in
the clefts of the
rocks. 16:29 As
in an orchard of
Olives upon
every tree there
are left three or
four olives;**

**16:30 Or as when
a vineyard is
gathered, there**

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**are left some
clusters of them
that diligently
seek through the
vineyard:**

16:31 Even so in
those days there
shall be three or
four left by them
that search their
houses with the

2 ESDRAS

**sword. 16:32 And
the earth shall
be laid waste,
and the fields
thereof shall wax
old, and her
ways and all her
paths shall grow
full of thorns,
because no man
shall travel**

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therethrough.

16:33 **The virgins
shall mourn,
having no
bridegrooms;
the women shall
mourn, having
no husbands;
their daughters
shall mourn,
having no**

2 ESDRAS

**helpers. 16:34 In
the wars shall
their
bridegrooms be
destroyed, and
their husbands
shall perish of
famine.**

**16:35 Hear now
these things and
understand**

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**them, ye
servants of the
Lord.**

16:36 Behold, the
word of the Lord,
receive it:
believe not the
gods of whom
the Lord spake.

16:37 Behold, the
plagues draw

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**nigh, and are not
slack. 16:38 As
when a woman
with child in the
ninth month
bringeth forth
her son, with two
or three hours of
her birth great
pains compass
her womb, which**

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**pains, when the
child cometh
forth, they slack
not a moment:**

16:39 Even so
shall not the
plagues be slack
to come upon
the earth, and
the world shall
mourn, and

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**sorrows shall
come upon it on
every side.**

16:40 O my
people, hear my
word: make you
ready to thy
battle, and in
those evils be
even as pilgrims
upon the earth.

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16:41 He that selleth, let him be as he that fleeth away: and he that buyeth, as one that will lose: **16:42** He that occupieth merchandise, as he that hath no profit by it: and

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**he that buildeth,
as he that shall
not dwell
therein: 16:43 He
that soweth, as if
he should not
reap: so also he
that planteth the
vineyard, as he
that shall not
gather the**

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grapes:

16:44 They that marry, as they that shall get no children; and they that marry not, as the widowers.

16:45 And therefore they that labour

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labour in vain:
16:46 For
strangers shall
reap their fruits,
and spoil their
goods,
overthrow their
houses, and take
their children
captives, for in
captivity and

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**famine shall they
get children.**

16:47 And they
that occupy their
merchandise
with robbery, the
more they deck
their cities, their
houses, their
possessions,
and their own

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persons:

16:48 The more
will I be angry
with them for
their sin, saith
the Lord.

16:49 Like as a
whore envieth a
right honest and
virtuous woman:

16:50 So shall

2 ESDRAS

**righteousness
hate iniquity,
when she
decketh herself,
and shall accuse
her to her face,
when he cometh
that shall defend
him that
diligently
searcheth out**

2 ESDRAS

**every sin upon
earth. 16:51 And
therefore be ye
not like
thereunto, nor to
the works
thereof. 16:52 For
yet a little, and
iniquity shall be
taken away out
of the earth, and**

2 ESDRAS

**righteousness
shall reign
among you.**

16:53 Let not the
sinner say that
he hath not
sinned: for God
shall burn coals
of fire upon his
head, which
saith before the

2 ESDRAS

**Lord God and
his glory, I have
not sinned.**

16:54 Behold, the
Lord knoweth all
the works of
men, their
imaginations,
their thoughts,
and their hearts:

16:55 Which

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**spake but the
word, Let the
earth be made;
and it was made:
Let the heaven
be made; and it
was created.**

16:56 In his word
were the stars
made, and he
knoweth the

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number of them.

16:57 He

**searcheth the
deep, and the
treasures
thereof; he hath
measured the
sea, and what it
containeth.**

16:58 He hath
shut the sea in

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the midst of the waters, and with his word hath he hanged the earth upon the waters.

16:59 He

spreadeth out the heavens like a vault; upon the waters hath he founded it.

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16:60 In the
desert hath he
made springs of
water, and pools
upon the tops of
the mountains,
that the floods
might pour down
from the high
rocks to water
the earth.

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16:61 He made man, and put his heart in the midst of the body, and gave him breath, life, and understanding.

16:62 Yea and the Spirit of Almighty God,

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**which made all
things, and
searcheth out all
hidden things in
the secrets of
the earth,**

**16:63 Surely he
knoweth your
inventions, and
what ye think in
your hearts,**

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**even them that
sin, and would
hide their sin.**

16:64 Therefore
hath the Lord
exactly searched
out all your
works, and he
will put you
all to shame.

16:65 And when

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**your sins are
brought forth,
ye shall be
ashamed before
men, and your
own sins shall
be your
accusers in that
day. 16:66 What
will ye do? or
how will ye hide**

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**your sins before
God and his
angels?**

16:67 Behold,
God himself is
the judge, fear
him: leave off
from your sins,
and forget your
iniquities, to
meddle no more

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**with them for
ever: so shall
God lead you
forth, and deliver
you from
all trouble.**

16:68 For,
behold, the
burning wrath of
a great multitude
is kindled over

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**you, and they
shall take away
certain of you,
and feed you,
being idle, with
things offered
unto idols.**

16:69 **And they
that consent
unto them shall
be had in**

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**derision and in
reproach, and
trodden under
foot. 16:70 For
there shall be in
every place, and
in the next
cities, a great
insurrection
upon those that
fear the Lord.**

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16:71 They shall be like mad men, sparing none, but still spoiling and destroying those that fear the Lord.

16:72 For they shall waste and take away their goods, and cast

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**them out of their
houses.**

16:73 Then shall
they be known,
who are my
chosen; and
they shall be
tried as the gold
in the fire.

16:74 Hear, O ye
my beloved,

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**saith the Lord:
behold, the days
of trouble are at
hand, but I will
deliver you from
the same.**

16:75 Be ye not
afraid neither
doubt; for God
is your guide,

16:76 And the

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**guide of them
who keep my
commandments
and precepts,
saith the Lord
God: let not your
sins weigh you
down, and
let not your
iniquities lift up
themselves.**

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16:77 Woe be
unto them that
are bound with
their sins, and
covered with
their iniquities
like as a field
is covered over
with bushes, and
the path thereof
covered with

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**thorns, that no
man may travel
through!**

16:78 It is left
undressed,
and is cast
into the fire
to be
consumed
therewith.

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